

1 Student Risk Assessments

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3 The District may establish a risk assessment team for students whose behavior may pose a risk to
4 the safety of school staff or students.

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6 Each team shall:

- 7 1. Provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or
8 aberrant behavior that may represent a risk to the community, school, or self;
- 9 2. Include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law
10 enforcement;
- 11 3. Identify members of the school community who should be informed of behavior;
- 12 4. Implement school board policies for the assessment of and intervention with students
13 whose behavior poses a risk to the safety of school staff or students including response
14 plans; and
- 15 5. Utilize available forms and procedures.

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17 All District employees, volunteers, and contractors are required to report any expressed risks or
18 behavior that may represent a risk to the community, school, or self. In cases determined to be
19 appropriate, teams shall follow established procedures for referrals to community services,
20 boards, or health care providers for evaluation or treatment when appropriate.

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22 Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a risk of violence or physical harm to self
23 or others, a risk assessment team shall immediately report its determination to the superintendent
24 or designee. The superintendent or designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's
25 parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this policy shall prevent a District employee from acting
26 immediately to address an imminent risk.

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28 The superintendent may establish a committee charged with oversight of the risk assessment
29 teams. An existing committee may be designated to assume the oversight responsibility;
30 however, any such team shall include individuals with expertise in human resources, education,
31 school administration, mental health, and law enforcement.

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33 Regardless of risk assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement are
34 to occur as required by school board policy and Montana law. The District may, in accordance
35 with the provisions in Policy 3600P, release student records or information in connection with an
36 emergency, without parental consent, if the knowledge of such information is necessary to
37 protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

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