

Behavioral Threat Assessment Response Matrix

Threat/Problem Type	Administrative Response	Security Response	Protocol/Intervention
Low-Level Disruption (e.g., classroom misconduct, verbal outburst)	Teacher/staff intervention, behavior redirection, possible counseling referral	None	Monitor behavior, document incident, refer to Student Support Services if necessary
Bullying (Verbal/Online/Physical Harassment)	Investigate, notify parents, enforce school policies, mediation/restorative practices	Possible security presence in high-risk areas	Implement intervention strategies, mental health referral, and ongoing monitoring
Social Withdrawal, Depression, or Self-Harm Concerns	School counselor or psychologist intervention, notify parents	None unless there is a direct threat to self/others	Risk assessment, mental health services engagement, crisis intervention plan
Low-Risk Threat (Conditional or Veiled Threat, No Direct Intent Stated)	Conduct initial inquiry, document, speak with involved parties	Alert security if necessary, but no immediate action required	BTAT meeting, assess background, determine need for intervention or referral
Moderate-Risk Threat (Indirect Threat, Disturbing Behavior, Possible Means or Plans Identified)	Formal behavioral threat assessment, parental notification, mental health evaluation	Increased security awareness, school resource officer (SRO) consultation	Multi-agency intervention plan, student monitoring, possible alternative education placement
High-Risk Threat (Direct Threat, Identified Target, Means, or Attack Planning in Progress)	Immediate suspension pending investigation, law enforcement notification, crisis management	Security lockdown, notify law enforcement, initiate emergency protocols	Immediate BTAT activation, law enforcement investigation, emergency psychological evaluation, potential removal from campus
Weapons Possession on Campus	Immediate disciplinary action, notify law enforcement, parental involvement	Detain individual, secure area, initiate emergency response	Activate emergency response plan, involve law enforcement, conduct risk assessment, evaluate need for expulsion or alternative placement
Active Threat (Ongoing Attack, Physical Violence, or Imminent Danger)	Implement emergency crisis plan, notify district leadership	Immediate lockdown, police intervention, campus evacuation if needed	Follow emergency response protocols, reunification plan, post-incident recovery strategies