



## Berwick Area School District

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### School Threat Assessment

The FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and Department of Education recommend that school districts implement a standard procedure for threat assessment.

The Berwick Area School District has adopted the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) which have been tested extensively and are practiced in thousands of schools nationwide.



CSTAG is a team approach to threat assessment that focuses on problem solving and violence prevention.

If a threat is communicated, the threat assessment team will do an assessment using the *School Threat Assessment Decision Tree* to determine the level of seriousness of the threat and how to respond to it.

### What is a threat?

A threat is any expression of an intent to harm someone. Threats may be spoken, written, or expressed in some other way, such as through gestures. Threats may be direct or indirect and vague or implied.

Any type of threat as well as the following offenses must be reported to a building administrator immediately:

- Assault
- Bullying
- Extortion
- Fighting
- Homicide
- Intimidation
- Kidnapping
- Malicious Endangerment
- Reckless Endangerment
- Robbery
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Offenses
- Threatening School Official
- Vandalism
- Bomb Threats
- Demonstration
- Disorderly Conduct
- Possession of a Firearm,
- Possession of a Knife
- Possession of a Weapon
- Terroristic Threats
- Criminal Trespass
- Possession/Use of a Controlled Substance
- Sale of a Controlled Substance
- Possession/Use/Sale of Alcohol
- Possession/Use/Sale of Tobacco
- Possession/Use/Sale of Vaping Device
- Dishonesty
- Cheating
- Arson

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