Titusville Area School District Threat Assessment Team

In the Titusville Area School District, Threat Assessment Teams are established in accordance with Article XIII-E of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (Act 18 of 2019), which requires all school entities to maintain a multidisciplinary team to assess and respond to potential threats to school safety. The district has designated the Student Assistance Program (SAP) team in each school building to serve as the school's Threat Assessment Team.

The purpose of the Threat Assessment Team is to assess and intervene with students whose behavior may indicate a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community, or others. The process is preventive and supportive in nature, focusing on early identification of concerning behaviors and implementation of appropriate interventions to maintain a safe learning environment.

Membership of the Titusville Area School District Threat Assessment Teams includes individuals with expertise in school health, counseling, school psychology or social work, special education, and school administration. Each team member receives training in the responsibilities of threat assessment, the process for identifying and responding to threats, avoiding racial, cultural, or disability bias, confidentiality requirements, the SAP process, youth suicide awareness and prevention, trauma-informed practices, Safe2Say Something procedures, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to report concerns directly to a school counselor, SAP team member, or the building principal. Anonymous reporting is also available through the Safe2Say Something system. Upon receiving a report, the Threat Assessment Team documents, assesses, and responds to the concern and implements appropriate monitoring and supports as needed.

Through this structured, multidisciplinary approach, the Titusville Area School District aims to proactively identify risks, provide timely interventions, and maintain safe and supportive school environments for all students and staff.