

Introduction

You may feel apprehensive about the threat assessment process. The information contained in this brochure will hopefully answer most of your questions.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long will my child be out of school?

There typically is a period of at least 5 days while the principal determines appropriate discipline. The number of days may be extended.

What would be the reason(s) for an extension?

The principal may consider more extensive discipline procedures. Or the threat assessment may be delayed due to scheduling issues.

What will happen during the assessment?

The Central Office Threat Assessment Team will meet with you and your child. They will conduct clinical interviews as well as ask you to complete questionnaires.

Who is on the Central Office Threat Assessment Team?

Impartial members of PWCS who have training in social work and psychology will conduct the evaluation.

Who can be in the interviews?

The evaluation is designed to include the parent(s) and the student along with the team members.

What do I need to bring?

You need to bring any documentation of counseling/therapy services, evaluation, and/or other activities your child has been involved in.



Can we take notes?

Yes. However, the use of audiotape and other recording devices are not permitted.

Will I receive a report?

Yes. You will receive the same report that is provided to the principal at your child's school. Every effort is made to make sure that you receive the information in a timely manner.

What happens next?

The principal will make all discipline decisions. The principal may use the information contained within the threat assessment to make those decisions.

People to contact if you have questions about the process:



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Threat Assessment Coordinator
703-791-7263

Kathy Aux, Supervisor
Psychologists, Social Workers and
Visiting Teachers
703-791-7287

Clarice Torian, Director
Student Services
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Other sources of information:

- Parent Information Letter
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Regulation 777-1

In order to expedite the process, an email will be sent to the administrators at your child's school so that initial impressions and information can be shared.



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**CENTRAL OFFICE
THREAT
ASSESSMENT**

Purpose: This assessment provides a systematic way to determine the student's risk for violence toward others so that all students have a safe learning environment.

