



THREAT ASSESSMENT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

A threat is any expression of intent to do harm, acting out violently, or being in possession of an instrument of harm.

The purpose of conducting a **Threat Assessment Screen** or **Full-TeamThreat Assessment** is to determine the degree to which a student who has made a threat actually poses a threat to person, school, and/or community and to develop a plan to respond and support everyone involved.

A threat can be communicated in the following ways:

Written: social networking sites, Email, writings, pictures, hit list

Verbal: directly, indirectly, voice mails, messages

Gestures: body language, posture

Actions: possessing a weapon

Impact of threat includes:

- Decrease in the amount of academic learning time
- Decreased levels of student attention and concentration
- Increased levels of anxiety

One of the most useful tools a school can develop...is a Suicide is the third leading multidisciplinary school threat assessment team.

How Schools Respond

Threat Assessment Screen:
confirm that a threat was minor and unlikely to result in violence

Full-Team Threat Assessment:
Intensive review of threatening behavior involving multidisciplinary team and a plan for support

Make A Plan

Documentation is necessary to: • ensure the student continues to receive support (i.e., Threat Response and Support Plan)

- assess changes in patterns of thinking and behavior
- establish systems of safety if the student transfers

**For Additional Resources
Contact any of the following:**

Your School Psychologist

The designated Operational Superintendent

**Behavioral Health Services at
(617) 635-9676 OR cbhmboston.com**