

Provo City School District

Policy Series: 3000 Students



Policy No. 3235

Student Threat Assessment

The Provo City School District Board of Education is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its students, staff, and the community, and providing the resources and support to address identified student needs. This policy establishes a student threat assessment directive to provide timely and methodical student threat assessment protocols and management.

The student threat assessment best occurs in school climates of safety, respect, and emotional support. The student threat assessment process is distinct from student discipline procedures. The mere fact that the district is conducting a student threat assessment does not by itself necessitate suspension or expulsion and the district will not impose suspension or expulsion, including emergency suspension, *solely* for investigating student conduct or conducting a student threat assessment. Further, suspension, or other removal from the school environment can create a risk of triggering either an immediate or a delayed violent response, unless such actions are coupled with containment and support. However, nothing in this policy precludes district personnel from acting immediately to address an imminent threat, including imposing an emergency suspension if the district has sufficient cause to believe that a student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students, patrons, or school personnel or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

The Board directs the superintendent to establish a student threat assessment team and develop procedures for assessing and intervening with students whose behavior may indicate a threat to the safety of the student, others students, school employees, school facilities, and the community.

Legal References:

Utah Code 53G-8-202

Utah Code 53G-8-205

Utah Code 53G-8-206

Utah Code 53G-8-207

Utah Code 53G-11-208

Synopsis:

Public school discipline policies - Basis of the policies
Enforcement -

Suspension and expulsion procedure - Notice to
parents/guardians

Grounds for suspension or expulsion from a public
school

Delegation of authority to suspend or expel a student -
Procedure for suspension - Readmission

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion

Student suspended or expelled - Responsibility of
parent -

Utah Code 53G-11-512	Application for students with disabilities
Utah Code 53G-18-211	Local school board to establish dismissal procedures
USBE Board Rule R277-400	Responses to school-based behavior
USBE Board Rule R277-609	School Facility Emergency and Safety
	Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency
	Safety Interventions
USBE Board Rule R277-613	LEA Disruptive Student Behavior, Bullying,
	Cyber-bullying, Hazing, Retaliation, and Abusive
	Conduct Policies and Training
USBE Board Rule R277-736	Juvenile Court or Law Enforcement Notice and
	Information
Utah HB 61	School Safety Requirements
Utah HB 171	School Threat Amendment
20 USC. Sec. 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of	
1973	
Individual with Disabilities Education Act	
(IDEA)	

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