

Understanding Our Student Safety Process



If you received a call about your child we know that can feel stressful.

This guide will walk you through what to expect and how we will work together to support your child every step of the way.



PHONE CALL

We connect with you to share what we know and answer initial questions.



MEETING

We meet with you and your child to listen and learn together.

Why Might a Student Safety Assessment Be Needed?

Sometimes a student may say, write, post, or do something that raises concerns about their safety or the safety of others. When this happens, our trained staff follows a structured process to better understand the situation and determine the appropriate next steps.

An assessment does not automatically mean a student is in trouble or has done something wrong. Instead, it is a way for us to gather information, understand what is happening, and determine how best to support the student.

Understanding Our Student Safety Assessments

Depending on the situation, school staff may complete one of the following assessments.

- **Behavioral Threat Assessment:** used when there is concern that a student's words, actions, or behaviors could pose a risk of harm to others.
- **Suicide Risk Assessment:** used when a student shares thoughts about suicide, wanting to die, or not wanting to live, or when behaviors raise concerns about their immediate safety.
- **Self-Harm Assessment:** used when there are concerns that a student may be intentionally hurting themselves without the intent to die.



PLAN

We work together to create a plan that supports your child's safety and well-being.



HOME

We stay in touch and provide resources as needed.



FOLLOW UP

We check in and adjust support as needed. You are never alone.

FAQ

Will my child get in trouble for participating in an assessment?

No. Student safety assessments are designed to understand concerns and guide appropriate responses. Their purpose is to support safety, not to punish students.

Does the school need my permission before conducting a crisis assessment?

No. When there is a concern about a student's safety, the school must respond immediately. Texas law (SB 12) does not require parent consent before initiating a crisis assessment. Families are notified and involved as soon as possible throughout the process.

Will I be contacted?

Yes, families will be notified and involved throughout the process in accordance with school procedures and the nature of the concern any time an assessment is conducted.

Who conducts these assessments?

Student safety assessments are completed by trained school personnel using established protocols and procedures.

What Can You Expect?

Thank you for partnering with us.

We understand that receiving a call about your child's safety can feel overwhelming. Please know that our goal is to respond thoughtfully, communicate openly, and work alongside you to support your child. If you have questions at any point, please reach out to your child's school counselor or campus administrator.

