86th Legislative Session Updates
Threat Assessment

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Behavior Threat Assessment Data Collection Information

SB 11 requires public schools to conduct behavioral threat assessment and collect relevant data on its efficacy. TEA, in conjunction with Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC), will be providing supports and guidance to help public schools implement behavioral threat assessment beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. The timeline below outlines high-level next steps public schools should take to plan effectively.

Spring/Summer 2020:

- Ensure that appropriate members of your district or charter school attend behavioral threat assessment training. The TxSSC will be hosting a new series of trainings across the state beginning March 25, 2020. You can find a schedule on the TxSSC website. Additionally, please reach out to your regional Education Service Center (ESC) as many of them offer approved behavioral threat assessment training.

- Collect baseline data on the following in order to prepare for the November 13, 2020 reporting to TEA:
  1. Whether your district or charter school has received training on behavioral threat assessment, and established a functioning behavioral threat assessment process
  2. The roles of personnel conducting the behavioral threat assessment
  3. The number of campuses served by a functioning behavioral threat assessment process
  4. The number of threats assessed using behavioral threat assessment during the 2019-2020 school year

- Please note that this data will be collected using a survey and will be based on the activities that occurred from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

- Prepare to implement behavioral threat assessment in the fall of 2020, if it is not already in place on a campus.
Fall 2020:

- Review the guidance on the Safe and Supportive Schools Program, including the implementation of behavioral threat assessment, provided in to-be-adopted rules and follow-up guidance documents.
- Report data for the November 13, 2020 baseline data collection, as previewed above.
- Prepare for the 2021-2022 comprehensive data collection:
  1. Look for guidance from TEA on the 2021-2022 school year behavioral threat assessment data collection, including data elements and definitions. This collection will include more comprehensive data and will require behavioral threat assessment to be fully functioning in order to report outcomes.

TEA is providing monthly school safety updates. The February update in its entirety can be found [here](#).

January 8, 2020

- As required by the 86th Texas Legislature and SB 11, the Texas School Safety Center, in coordination with the Texas Education Agency, has developed model policies and procedures to assist school districts in establishing and training threat assessment teams now mandated by TEC Sec. 37.220. They can be found [here](#).

October 9, 2019

- TASB to adopt Policy that will be released this fall in *Update 114*.
- Commissioner Rules on Threat Assessment (including reporting procedures) will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.