

**6A-1.0019 Threat Management.**

(1) No change.

(2) Definitions.

(a) “Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Model” or “Florida Model” means the Florida-specific behavioral threat management process required by Section 1001.212(12), F.S. The Florida Model consists of the Florida Threat Management Manual and the Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Instrument (“Instrument”). Under the Florida Model, threats and reports of concerning behavior or concerning communications are categorized as unfounded or having a low, medium, or high level of concern.

(b) through (g) No change.

(3) Required policies.

(a) Each school district and charter school governing board must adopt policies, consistent with this rule, for the establishment of threat management teams and for the completion of threat assessments. These policies must include providing guidance by training to all students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of concerning behavior or threats and must identify members of the school community to whom concerning behaviors and threats should be reported, pursuant to Section 1006.07(7)(c), F.S. At a minimum, the policies must address to whom the training will be delivered, the method of delivery, and the frequency the trainings will be required. These policies must also include procedures for referrals to mental health services, pursuant to Section 1012.584(4), F.S., and referrals for threats of self-harm, consistent with Section 394.463, F.S.

(b) Parental notification.

1. School districts and charter school governing boards must, at a minimum, require parental notification in the following circumstances:

a. No change.

b. If the Chair does not summarily close the case and refers it to the SBTMT, reasonable efforts must be made to notify the student of concern’s parent or guardian on the same day the SBTMT implements the interim SSMP ~~assigns the preliminary~~ and assigns the final level of concern.

c. If the ~~preliminary or~~ final level of concern is High, the SBTMT Chair or designee must notify the superintendent or designee to ensure that the notice requirements of Section 1006.07(7)(e), F.S., are met.

d. through e. No change.

f. Where a report of concern includes an identified student target, the Chair must make a reasonable effort to notify the parent or guardian of the targeted student before the end of the school day that the report was received unless the Chair has determined the concern is unfounded. As provided for in the Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Manual (Form OSS-001), the unfounded summary disposition should only be used when it is clear and articulable that there is no basis for concern. If there is any doubt, the case should be forwarded to the full SBTMT ~~School Based Threat Management Team~~ for further evaluation and parent notification should occur. Nothing herein prevents the school from notifying parents or guardians if they believe it is in the best interest of the student.

2. through 3. No change.

(c) No change.

(4) Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Model (“Florida Model”). Threat management and assessment of concerning behaviors or communications must be conducted in accordance with the Florida Model, as follows:

(a) District Threat Management Coordinator (DTMC). Each school district superintendent must designate a Primary District Threat Management Coordinator to oversee threat management at all public K-12 schools, including charter schools sponsored by or under contract with the district. Each school district superintendent must also designate a Secondary District Threat Management Coordinator to provide support to the district’s threat management process at the discretion of the Primary DTMC. Before a person can be designated as Primary or Secondary DTMC, that person must have already received DTMC training offered by the Office. Where there is no superintendent, the lead administrator for the school district must assign the Threat Management Coordinators.

1. The Primary DTMC must:

a. through b. No change.

c. Assist SBTMTs ~~School Based Threat Management Teams~~ in the district.

2. No change.

(b) District Threat Management Team (DTMT). Each school district superintendent must designate a DTMT ~~District Threat Management Team~~ that will receive referrals from the SBTMTs ~~School Based Threat Management Teams~~, assess serious situations, and provide support to school-based teams, including charter schools in their district. The DTMT must include the Primary DTMC ~~District Threat Management Coordinator~~ as Chair, Secondary DTMC, persons from school district administration and persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, and law enforcement.

Where there is no superintendent, the lead administrator for the district must assign the DTMT. Districts with three (3) or fewer schools may request approval to alter the DTMT membership by emailing the Office at FloridaModel@fldoe.org. The Office will grant requests that demonstrate that the duties of the DTMT can be executed with fidelity.

(c) School Based Threat Management Team (SBTMT). Each school must have an SBTMT comprised of four (4) members (“Core Four”), at a minimum, including persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law enforcement. The principal or equivalent administrative head of the school is responsible for appointing team members. The SBTMT must also include a member with personal knowledge of the student of concern who is the subject of threat management. Team members must meet the following requirements:

1. through 4. No change.

5. If none of the team members are familiar with the student of concern, the SBTMT Chair must assign a member of the school’s staff who is familiar with the student to consult with and provide background information to the threat management team. The person must be instructional or administrative personnel, as defined in Section 1012.01(2) and (3), F.S. Consulting personnel do not have to complete Florida Model training and must ~~may~~ not participate in the decision-making process.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) Meetings. At a minimum, the Core Four members of each SBTMT must meet as often as needed to fulfill its duties of assessing and intervening with students whose behavior may pose a threat of harm to themselves or others, but no less than monthly. Documentation of these meetings must be maintained in the Florida Safety and Threat Management Portal (FSTMP), and at a minimum must include meetings dates, team members in attendance, SSMPs discussed with accompanying actions taken, and any other items discussed. ~~Districts must adopt policies requiring threat management teams to maintain documentation of their meetings, including meeting dates, team members in attendance, SSMPs discussed, and actions taken.~~ If the SBTMT has no active SSMPs to discuss, they must document any other discussion points discussed at their meeting. DTMTs must meet as needed to review and consult with SBTMTs and must meet timeframes set forth in the Florida Threat Management Manual, but no less than monthly to discuss relevant data, strategies and interventions with collaborative stakeholders, provide ongoing support to SBTMTs, and ensure continuous improvement and fidelity in the implementation of the Florida Model.

(g) Training.

1. All members of SBTMTs and DTMTs must be trained on the Florida Model through training provided by or approved by the Office of Safe Schools, as follows:

a. No change.

b. The DTMC ~~District Threat Management Coordinator~~ must complete additional training specific to the ~~c~~Coordinator role.

c. School principals, the SBTMT ~~Threat Management~~ Chair, and the SBTMT Vice Chair must complete additional training specific to their respective roles.

d. The district Florida Model Trainers must complete additional training specific to the Trainer role.

2. ~~Beginning with the 2024-25 school year,~~ District and school-level teams must be designated before the start of the school year. Team members who have not previously completed training must complete Florida Model training before the start of the school year. Those appointed to threat management teams after the start of the school year must complete Florida Model training within sixty (60) calendar days of appointment. For assistance in accessing this training, districts must contact the Office in writing at FloridaModel@fldoe.org.

3. ~~Beginning with the 2024-25 school year,~~ District and school-level team members who have been fully trained in a previous school year must complete an annual refresher training provided by the Office within the first sixty (60) calendar days of school. Any district or school-level team member who does not complete the annual refresher within the first sixty (60) calendar days of school must not serve on the SBTMT or DTMT in any capacity until such time as they retake and successfully complete Day One Florida Model Training.

(h) Reporting. Each DTMC ~~district school safety specialist~~ must ensure that all threat management teams in the district utilize FSTMP to document and manage all reported threats or concerning behaviors and communications. Each DTMC must report by July 1 each year in the Florida School Safety Assessment Tool that all data in FSTMP accurately reflect the teams' activities during the previous school year. ~~report to the Office on the team's activities during the previous school year, with required reporting due annually by June 15 for the preceding school year. The Office will provide reporting instructions prior to the start of each school year, that will include at a minimum the following metrics:~~

1. Number of cases reported to the SBTMT Chair;

2. Number of students evaluated by the SBTMT, broken down by sex, race, grade level, and existence of an IEP, 504, or behavior intervention plan at the time of evaluation;

3. ~~Number of cases closed by the SBTMT Chair as unfounded; after referral for self-harm assessment; or as a low level concern without review by the full SBTMT;~~

4. ~~Number of cases the SBTMT Chair referred to the full SBTMT for review;~~

5. ~~Number of cases categorized by the SBTMT as unfounded, low, medium and high levels of concern;~~

6. ~~Number of SSMPs implemented after cases categorized as low, medium, and high levels of concern; and~~

7. ~~Number of cases referred to the DTMT categorized as medium and high levels of concern;~~

(5) Florida Safety and Statewide Threat Management Portal. Upon availability, ~~Each~~ SBTMT and DTMT must utilize the Florida Model Instrument in the ~~(FSTMP) Florida School Safety and Threat Management Portal (STMP)~~ to document and manage all reported threats or concerning behaviors and communications. ~~The date when the STMP will be available will be posted on the Office of Safe Schools website at <https://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/>. The~~ FSTMP ~~STMP~~ will be accessible via the Department's Single Sign-On application, available at [www.fldoe.org/sso](http://www.fldoe.org/sso). Access to FSTMP ~~the STMP~~ is limited to SBTMTs, DTMTs, and Department employees who need access in order to carry out their official duties.

(6) No change.

(7) Charter Schools Sponsored by a College or University. The Florida College System institution or university board of trustees must establish a DTMT ~~District Threat Management Team~~ and assign a Primary and Secondary DTMC ~~District Threat Management Coordinator~~ to oversee and provide support for threat management for all charter schools that fall under the sponsoring entity, in accordance with the Florida Model. Charter schools are responsible for establishing SBTMTs and conducting threat assessments as required by this rule.

(8) Virtual Schools. Virtual schools are responsible for establishing SBTMTs and conducting threat assessments as required by this rule. Florida Virtual School must also establish a DTMT ~~District Threat Management Team~~ and assign a Primary and Secondary DTMC ~~District Threat Management Coordinator~~.

(9) The following form ~~is forms are~~ hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400. ~~Upon availability of the STMP,~~ the Threat Management Instrument forms must be completed within FSTMP ~~the STMP~~.

(a) Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Manual, Form OSS-001 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19372> ~~18219~~), effective ~~July 1, 2026~~ August 2025.

~~(b) Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Instrument, Form OSS-002~~

~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 18220>), effective August 2025.~~

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