## WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2 OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY



## SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT RESPONSE (STAR)

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose behind this protocol is to provide for a mechanism to assure that threats of violence in the school environment are addressed, whenever possible, before they occur. The process necessarily involves a variety of elements, ranging from student, parent, teacher, staff member and administrator involvement and law enforcement if need be. The protocol is designed specifically for those violence issues that affect the schools and the students who attend those schools. It is intended to identify credible threats carried out. NOTE: This protocol is applicable during any school sponsored event or function, whether the event or function is on school property or not.

DEFINITIONS: For purposes of this protocol, the following definitions apply:

- 1. Threatened Act of Violence: Any threat or action that suggests the possibility that serious physical injury or death may be caused to another.
- 2. Winner School Staff Member: Any employee of the Winner School District.
- 3. Winner School Administrator: Any Winner School District Superintendent/principal or their designee.

## PROCEDURE:

- 1. Any Winner school staff member, student, or parent/guardian upon receiving information that a person is threatening to commit an act of violence shall:
  - A. Assume the threat is serious.
  - B. Immediately report the threat to the Administration.
  - C. Be available and cooperative in providing a statement of information with the understanding that the information source will remain anonymous to the greatest extent possible.
- 2. Once the assessment is complete, an administrator will consider options for follow-up action:
  - A. If it is agreed that the threat is credible, the Administrator will proceed in the following manner.
    - 1. Contacting the subject's parent (s) or guardian for input and assistance and possibly contacting law enforcement authorities if need be.

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