

Behavioral Threat Assessment

In K-12 schools, a *behavioral threat assessment* is a proactive approach to identify, assess, and provide appropriate interventions and resources for students who display a behavior that elicits concern for the safety of themselves or others.

- ✓ Focuses on behaviors, not traits or profiles
- ✓ Involves multidisciplinary school staff
- ✓ Identifies threatening and other concerning behaviors, and assesses them in context
- ✓ Provides students with additional supports
- ✓ Utilizes existing school resources
- ✓ Promotes a safe school climate

- ✗ *Is not* a criminal investigation
- ✗ *Is not* a disciplinary process
- ✗ *Does not* involve zero tolerance
- ✗ *Does not* replace student support programs
- ✗ *Is not* a physical security measure

