

Students 9222	Administrative Application	
	Student Threat/Risk Assessment	<b>Last Reviewed /Approved on:</b>
	<b>References:</b>	The Education Act, 1995, 150-155 Caring and Respectful Schools (Saskatchewan Ministry of Education) Violence Threat, Risk Assessment Level One, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition (Kevin Cameron) Policy 12 – Role of the Director
	<b>Status:</b>	Operational

### Preamble

Staff and students should feel safe at school. The Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) recognizes that students and staff cannot feel safe if they are at risk or are being threatened.

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. A threat can be spoken, written, or symbolic. Threats occur on a continuum, moving from worrisome behaviour (e.g., general, non-specific violence in stories) to high-risk behaviours, medium (more concrete and direct), and immediate threat (more specific and plausible) levels of threat.

### Application

A variety of staff within RCSD will be trained in VTRA/ARTO (Violence Threat Risk Assessment/Assessment of Risk to Others).

Threats of violence will be addressed in a serious manner. Administration will respond to any threats made to assure that the school division provide emotionally and physically safe environments for the students and staff.

The school administration shall ensure that all staff members understand the procedures regarding a threat.

#### 1. Assessing a Student Threat

When a school determines that a threat to school safety exists, the administration of the school will immediately respond and work with a school team and the school division VTRA lead(s). Any threats made that concern school safety will be reported to a school-based administrator and, if appropriate, the School Resource Officer/police. The team will intervene to decrease the risk and assure safety.

#### 2. Actions Taken When Dealing with a Student Threat

When a threat is reported, the school-based administrator will immediately work with the division and the school team to make an informed judgement using the VTRA process (ARTO (Assessment of Risk to Others) Initial Screening Data Collection Form to determine if Stage One ARTO – Micro Assessment or Stage – Macro Assessment) and respond according to the level of threat.