

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** GAD, GAD-RA, JN-RA  
**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### STUDENT BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENTS

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy regarding student behavioral threat assessments in accordance with the Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018 and Maryland’s Model Policy for Behavior Threat Assessment.

#### B. ISSUE

School safety is of paramount importance to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board). Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) has taken many steps over the years, and continues to take steps, to help ensure student and staff safety in schools. Accordingly, it is essential to have the policies and procedures in place to help contribute to the safety and well-being of AACPS students and staff. An effective behavioral threat assessment can best occur in school climates of safety, respect, and emotional support where students, teachers, and administrators are cognizant of the social and emotional, as well as academic needs of students and staff; and have access to the necessary assistance.

#### C. POSITION

1. The Board is committed to and supports efforts and strategies to help make schools safer.
2. The Board is committed to and supports efforts to address the mental and behavioral health needs of AACPS students.
3. The Superintendent shall establish at least one AACPS behavioral threat assessment team to coordinate among school officials, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and other appropriate stakeholders to monitor and respond to information about behavior, statements, or plans that may pose a threat of violence at a school or a school-sponsored activity.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted on 08/21/19  
*Note Previous Policy History:* None