



STUDENT ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO OTHERS (ARTO) FAIR NOTICE

Northwest School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

What is a threat?

- An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a Student Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO)?

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To understand the factors that contribute to the individual of concern's behaviour
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the individual of concern
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all

What behaviours warrant a Student Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) to be initiated?

A student Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ('clear, direct and plausible')
- Threats made via social media to harm, kill or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm and/or kill
- Indicators of suicidal ideation as relates to fluidity (homicidal/suicidal)
- Weapon possession (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including but not limited to: Race, Culture, Religion, and/or Sexual Orientation
- Sexual intimidation, sextortion, extortion, or assault
- Domestic, interpersonal, relational violence
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Fire setting (contextual)

What Parents/Caregivers and Students Need to Know

- Any threat must be reported to the school principal
- Investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police, or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the individual of concern and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents/Caregivers of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

*The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron,
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The complete Community Protocol may be found on Northwest School Division's website at www.nwsd.ca