

Operational Services

Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Threats and acts of targeted school violence harm the Illinois School for the Deaf's (ISD) environment and school community, diminishing students' ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Providing students and staff with access to a safe and secure school environment is an important school goal. While it is not possible for the ISD to completely eliminate threats in its environment, a Targeted School Violence Prevention Program using the collective efforts of local school officials, staff, students, families, and the community helps the ISD reduce these risks to its environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement the program. The Program oversees the maintenance of a school environment that is conducive to learning and working by identifying, assessing, classifying, responding to, and managing threats and acts of targeted school violence.

1. Establish a school level School Violence Prevention Team to: develop and oversee a school-level Targeted School Violence Prevention Plan.
2. Establish a building level Threat Assessment Team to assess and intervene with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to safety. This team will serve ISD and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI).
3. Comply with State and federal law and align with DHS policies.

The Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act protects the school from liability. The Program does not: (1) replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in violence prevention, assessments and counseling services, (2) extend beyond available resources within the school, (3) extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, or (4) guarantee or ensure the safety of students, school staff and visitors.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-21.7, 5/10-27.1A, 5/10-27.1B, 5/24-24, and 5/27-23.7.
105 ILCS 128/, School Safety Drill Act.
745 ILCS 10/, Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.
29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:170 (Safety), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:340 (Student Records), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)