

Violence Threat Risk Assessments (VTRA)

When a child or youth engages in worrisome or threat-making behaviours, including threatening comments, drawings, gestures, etc. that may pose a safety threat to self or others, a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) may be conducted. The process to be used is described in the Lethbridge School District No 51 VTRA Protocol: Violence Threat Risk Assessment and Support Manual. Formal training and maintained certification in the process is required.

The following notice must be included in the information for parents and students on the school website.

Fair Notice of Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)

Lethbridge School District No 51 believes in creating safe and caring environments for students and staff. Any incident where a student engages in behaviour which threatens or appears to threaten the safety of others is investigated. Administrators implement a Risk Assessment for behaviours that are worrisome including writing or drawings with violent themes; references to, or involvement in violent activity at, or related to, school; or an increased interest in activities that are deemed as dangerous to the safety of others. A Threat Assessment is implemented when a student threatens to kill or injure others, brings a weapon to school or makes direct verbal or written violent threats to others. The Violence Threat Risk Assessment regulations are outlined in District Policy 502.1 at www.lethsd.ab.ca.