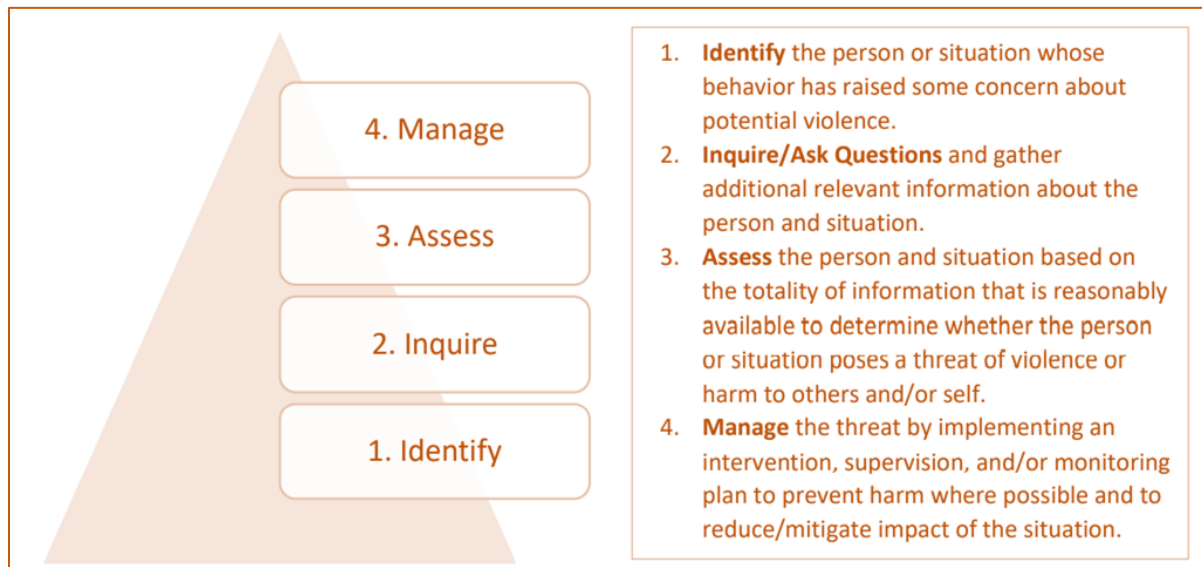


# THREAT ASSESSMENT

Kane Area School District has established threat assessment teams in all three buildings that are made up of trained professionals including administrators and counselors.

Threat Assessment IS:	Threat Assessment IS NOT:
A fact-based, investigative approach to determining how likely a person is to carry out a threat of violence. (Safe School Initiative Study, 2002)	A simple checklist of warning signs or red flags used to remove a student from school.
A means to identify, assess, and manage individuals who are at risk for violence against themselves or others.	A means to label a student as a troublemaker and enact consequences.
A way to identify someone who has the potential for violence in many forms – self-harm, assault, risk-taking behaviors, suicide, substance abuse, and other aggressive or dangerous behaviors.	A means to find “the next school shooter.”
Focused on a given individual(s) as a potential threat, conducted as the need arises (i.e., examines people, not things).	A vulnerability assessment, site survey, or security audit, which focuses on the facility, policies, and procedures, not individuals (i.e., examines things, not people).

The threat assessment process is designed to evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, whether situations, actions, and behaviors could result in a significant risk to the health and safety of individuals within a school community. An overview of the threat assessment process follows:



**TO REPORT A PERCEIVED THREAT TO THE KASD SCHOOL COMMUNITY,  
PLEASE CONTACT A SCHOOL OFFICE.**

*Figures Adapted from Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for Educators and Administrators, Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for Educators and Administrators, Texas School Safety Center., <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/tam-toolkit/defining-tam>.*