

Suicide

**Lakeland Joint School District is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which the emotional well-being and physical safety of students, staff, parents, and patrons is our top priority.**

Although neither a school district (nor a teacher) has a duty to warn of the suicidal tendencies of a student absent the teacher's or school district's knowledge of direct evidence of such suicidal tendencies, the District will, in its sole discretion, offer the following services/programs to provide proactive suicide awareness, education and prevention for our students:

1. offering and providing help and assistance, including early identification;
2. utilization of the district-approved suicide risk assessment protocol, as warranted;
3. support and/or counseling by school support personnel for low-risk students;
4. referral to appropriate sources outside the school for high and moderate-risk students;
5. attending to the rights of the student and his/her family; and
6. aftercare, identified as best practices, for faculty, staff, and students after a sudden death has occurred.

All school counselors and building administrators will be trained and review the district-approved suicide prevention and risk assessment protocol annually.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512B Suicidal tendencies – Duty to warn.

Additional Cross Reference: District-approved Suicide Prevention and Risk Assessment Protocol, adopted August 2018.

Policy History:

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