

Davis School District Policy and Procedures

Subject: 5S-401 Crisis Intervention
Index: Student Services – *Student Safety and Welfare*
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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education of Davis School District (Board) recognizes that a tragic incident or death of a student, teacher, or staff member can be a traumatic event affecting the school climate and community. Therefore, it is the Board's purpose to establish a Davis School District (District) intervention team to provide professional assistance to a school community when any traumatic incident occurs. The Board also recognizes that cooperative and successful intervention promotes feelings of pride and empowerment within the school environment and fosters trust and support from the community.

2. DEFINITION

"Crisis Intervention Team" means a team of professionals, as authorized by the District, assigned to develop and implement appropriate guidance and services to students and school personnel when a crisis or tragedy occurs.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. The District Student and Family Resources Department and the Crisis Intervention Team Leader (Team Leader) are authorized to organize, train, and supervise a crisis intervention team.
- 3.2. The school administrator, in consultation with the Team Leader and school director will determine when the services of the Crisis Intervention Team (Team) are needed in the school.
- 3.3. The trained intervention Team will coordinate necessary interventions to calm the emotional climate, provide services, identify potential problems, and facilitate communication between the school, home, and community agencies. Proper and appropriate action will be taken to help prevent secondary crisis.
- 3.4. Under the direction of the Team Leader, the Team will conduct an ongoing review of the District's crisis intervention program and make modifications as needed. The Team Leader will direct professional development training for intervention team members, administrators, counselors, social workers, psychologists, and other personnel as needed.

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

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