

Board Policy G-21: Youth Suicide Prevention Programs



REFERENCES

[G-21: Administrative Procedures, Youth Suicide Prevention Programs](#)
[Utah Code Ann. §53G-9-604, Parental Notification of Certain Incidents and Threats Required](#)
[Utah Code Ann. §53E-9-203, Activities Prohibited Without Prior Written Consent](#)
[Utah Code Ann. §53G-9-702 et seq., Youth Suicide Prevention Programs Required in Secondary Schools](#)
[Utah Code Ann. §62A-15-1101, Suicide Prevention Programs](#)
[Utah Admin. Code R277-620, Suicide Prevention Programs](#)

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among young people and that an even greater number of youth consider and attempt suicide. The possibility of youth suicide and suicidal ideation requires vigilant attention from both district staff and families. In an effort to reduce suicidal behavior and increase help-seeking behavior, schools will implement a youth suicide prevention program that is based on research and best practices, and addresses bullying and cyberbullying; prevention of youth suicides; youth suicide intervention; and postvention for family, students and faculty. Our schools are committed to creating safe and nurturing environments that minimize suicidal ideation in students and instead foster positive youth development. The district will also provide annual free seminars to parents on youth protection related issues.

The district will comply with all state laws regarding parental notification in the event that a student demonstrates suicidal behavior or expresses an intention to complete suicide.

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of all district students by having procedures in place to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicidal ideation.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying [administrative procedures](#).

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations/Title IX Coordinator, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.