

## **POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273**

Series 500: Student Policy: Welfare

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The Post Falls School District may provide assessment of suicidal tendencies, risk and prevention if evidence shows that such assessment is needed for the protection of the student. The rights of the student and his/her family will be protected. Assessment and assistance may include:

1. Early identification.
2. Parent/guardian contact.
3. Risk assessment.
4. In-school intervention and assistance.
5. Development of safety support plans that include parents/guardians.
6. Share community resources and assistance.

The district's crisis team, school counselor and/or other school-based staff provide postvention support to those in need after a suicide or attempted suicide. Community resources and assistance will also be shared.

If a Post Falls School District teacher, or other district staff, does not have knowledge of direct evidence of a student's suicidal tendencies, they do not have a duty to warn others of a student's suicidal tendencies. Direct evidence is defined as evidence which directly proves a fact without inference.

Legal References: IC 33-512B, 33-136

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