

# ***POLICY***

**13000-07**

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## **STUDENTS – SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

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Westfield Washington Schools (“WWS”) recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. WWS believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and WWS.

To that end, WWS cooperates with the larger community including suicide prevention services. Information concerning suicide prevention services is available. Further, information regarding crisis intervention referral is available to students, parents, and WWS employees.

WWS provides counseling services for students and families related to suicide prevention.

WWS recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. The plan, training, and any other program authorized under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

WWS shall ensure WWS employees meet training requirements consistent with Indiana law on suicide prevention and awareness. The training will address warning signs and tendencies that may evidence a student is considering suicide.

Consistent with Indiana law, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop a plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and WWS employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop any other program or activity appropriate to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide.

I.C. § 20-26-5-34.4  
I.C. § 20-26-3-6