

SUBJECT: CRISIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

According to national statistics, suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people. It is the policy of the Board to enact clear guidelines for prevention, intervention and post-intervention of suicide /crisis, reflecting the District's concern for this serious mental health issue.

The Board recognizes the need for crisis prevention and will instruct the Superintendent to establish a District Trauma, Illness, and Grief (TIG) team whose responsibility will be to develop a crisis response plan. This plan will be integrated into the existing school safety plan. The plan will include education and awareness of risk factors for youth crises, procedures for intervening if a student exhibits risk factors, including referral services, and a post intervention plan to help the school and community cope with the aftermath of such a tragic event should it occur.

Crisis prevention will be incorporated into the curriculum to educate students. This will be done in a manner so as not to sensationalize the matter, but to provide students with information and resources on this important mental health issue.

The administration is responsible for informing staff of regulations and procedures of crisis prevention, intervention, and post-intervention that have been developed by the District. The District will actively respond to any situation where a student verbally or behaviorally indicates intent to attempt suicide or to do physical harm to himself/herself. Staff training and professional development on suicide and crisis intervention will be made available.

NOTE: Refer also to Policies: #3420 -- Anti-Harassment in the School District
#5681 -- School Safety Plans
#7550 -- Dignity for All Students Act
#7553 -- Hazing of Students

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