

## Students

### Suicide Prevention/Suicide Attempts

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) Board of Education (Board) recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that, while the school may recognize a potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make a clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to an appropriate place for such assessment and counseling. Instead, the Board directs school staff to refer students who may be at risk of attempting suicide to an appropriate community agency for professional assessment, counseling, and treatment outside of the school.

The Board of Education recognizes the need for suicide prevention procedures and will establish program(s) to identify risk factors for suicide among our students, procedures to intervene with such students, referral services and training for teachers, other school professionals and students to provide assistance in these programs.

Any school employee who may have knowledge of a suicide threat, attempt, or ideation must take the proper steps to immediately report this information to building administration and/or appropriate building mental health staff (School Counselor, School Psychologists, and/or School Social Worker).

In addition, information regarding the 988 crisis line should be made widely available in schools and district offices. The Board shall include the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number on the student identification card distributed to each student in grades seven to twelve.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies, and procedures. (e) re “policy and procedures for dealing with youth suicide prevention and youth suicide attempts.”

10-222x Inclusion of 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number on student identification cards.