

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 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](#).