

Suicide Attempt of a Student

SUICIDE ATTEMPT OF A STUDENT FFE (LOCAL)

Mental Health Services shall be notified of ALL suicide attempts.

All attempted suicides shall be treated initially as medical emergencies. A suicide attempt is defined as any life-threatening behavior or gesture on the part of a student with the intent of taking his/her own life. It is not left to the discretion of school personnel to determine the seriousness of the attempt. The management of cases involving attempted suicide shall follow the procedures for threatened suicide and include the following:

School counselor shall:

- Contact the Mental Health Services Department (School-Based Clinician).
- Request crisis intervention from the Mental Health Services team member and notify Counseling Services.

Campus nurse, along with the school counselor, shall:

- Immediately contact the student's parent/guardian or relative and the principal or designee.
- Recommend that the student receive medical treatment from a physician and/or counseling from a community mental health professional.
- If the student has ingested medication, chemical agents, or has incurred physical injury, the medical emergency procedure is followed by calling **911**.

When the student returns to school, professional clearance from the attending physician or community mental health professional SHOULD be provided to the principal in consultation with health services central administration.

School counselor shall:

- Convene a meeting with the parent/guardian, nurse, campus administrator, and a member of the Mental Health Services Department (School-Based Clinician) to make a recommendation regarding follow-up services and/or counseling.

Mental Health Services team member will:

- Assist in the development of a **Safety Plan** for the student.
- Secure consent form parent/guardian for counseling services to student by Mental Health Services.
- Assist the campus with case management of the suicidal threat.
- Provide campus with crisis assistance as needed for other students/staff.
- Submit appropriate documentation in the Mental Health Services database.