

Policy

SUICIDE PREVENTION

In the event a faculty member becomes aware of a student having attempted to commit suicide, threatening to commit suicide, talking about committing suicide or alluding to it, etc., he/she must adhere to the following procedure:

- A. If the student is in school, the faculty member should:
 - 1. Have the student physically remain in class; and
 - 2. Inform the principal, guidance counselor and/or school psychologist.
- B. The parent or legal guardian is to be notified by the administrator or his delegate.
- C. The parent or legal guardian is to be informed of the particulars. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss this matter at the earliest possible date.
- D. The child is only to be released to the custody of a parent or other adult designated by parent. The student is not to be sent home in the routine manner.
- E. If the student cannot be released to the custody of a parent or other adult designated by the parent, then the student shall be supervised by authorized school personnel and/or police or emergency services until contact is made with parent or guardian.
- F. Under no circumstances should anyone tell or promise the student involved that the parent/legal guardian will not be informed of the incident. Parents must always be informed.
- G. Medical and/or police authorities will be notified where warranted.

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Cross References: *4131/4131.1 Staff Development; Inservice Education
*5142 Student Safety
*6164.2 Guidance Services
*6164.4 Child Study Team

*Indicated that the policy is in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.