

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

STUDENTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION / INTERVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that, while the school may recognize potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make a clinical assessment of risk or provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to an appropriate facility or resource for such assessment and counseling.

Any school employee who may have knowledge of a student suicide threat must take the proper steps as outlined in the Salem School District's Crisis Intervention Procedures and Suicide Prevention Program to report this information to the Principal or designee who will in turn, notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family and appropriate resource services.

School employees are responsible for having a copy of the procedures accessible. The Building Administrator is responsible for ensuring that each employee has a copy of all procedures.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:
10-221(e) Boards of Education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.
PA 89-168 – Child Abuse and the Prevention of Youth Suicide

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