

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5700 Student Health and Safety

5710 *Student Suicide Prevention*

Employees, volunteers, and contractors must immediately notify the building principal or designee if a student is exhibiting signs of unusual depression, expressing suicidal thoughts, or threatening or attempting suicide or self-harm.

The District will convene a crisis response team to investigate and develop an intervention plan for the student, if necessary.

A member of the crisis response team will immediately notify the student's Parent if the student threatens or attempts suicide.

District personnel who suspect that a student may have a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act must immediately refer the student for an evaluation.

The Suicide Prevention Coordinator or designee will provide the Parent with school and community-based resources on suicide prevention.

A. Parent Notification

The Suicide Prevention Coordinator or designee will promptly contact the student's Parent if a student is exhibiting signs of unusual depression, expressing suicidal thoughts, or threatening or attempting suicide or self-harm. If the Parent is not available or responsive, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator or designee will contact the student's emergency contact(s).

District personnel who suspect that the student may have a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act will immediately refer the student for an evaluation.

When a student is exhibiting signs of unusual depression, expressing suicidal thoughts, or threatening or attempting suicide or self-harm, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator will discuss with the student's Parent safety at home and will ask if the student has access to a firearm, weapon, medication, or other lethal means. The Suicide Prevention Coordinator or designee will:

- Ask if firearms, weapons, medications, or other lethal means are kept in the home or are otherwise accessible to the student;
- Recommend that Parent secure or store away from the home firearms, weapons, medications, or other lethal means while the student is struggling; and

- Recommend to the Parent that the student is evaluated by a mental health professional.

B. Student Identification Cards

Mandatory if your District issues student identification cards for students in grades 6-12: The District will print the number of a national, state, or local suicide prevention hotline that can be accessed at any time on student identification cards for students in grades 6-12.

MDHHS Suicide Prevention Materials

The District will post on its website homepage and in a conspicuous location in the school counselor's office MDHHS model information materials about suicide prevention services, suicide, depression, and anxiety.

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