

Identification, Intervention and Postvention Procedures for Student Problems (Suicide Attempts)

A suicide prevention team will be set up in the district to deal with students threatening or attempting suicide. The team will consist of all building administrators, counselors, the school psychologist, the school nurse and selected elementary, middle and high school teachers. The superintendent will be the head of the team and will be responsible for keeping the Board informed during such situations, if necessary.

Any school employee who has reasonable cause to suspect a student is contemplating suicide or self-destructive behavior immediately shall contact a member of the suicide prevention team. The employee shall take reasonable steps to prevent immediate harm to the student.

A member of the suicide prevention team shall conduct an intake interview, contact the building administrator, contact the parent/guardian and complete a brief written report.

After discussing the results of the interview with the appropriate administrator, a crisis team meeting will be held at which time a plan of action will be determined and followed. The plan shall be approved by the building administrator or superintendent.

Staff members shall follow the accompanying procedures to provide appropriate intervention and assistance to students threatening or attempting suicide. Due to the risk of lives in these tragic situations, school personnel shall be permitted to interview and/or care for students without prior parental permission and shall have protection from liability in accordance with state law.

School district employees shall keep all information regarding suspected suicidal or self-destructive behavior confidential. Such information shall be shared only with those district employees or community workers who are directly involved with the case. The suicide prevention team shall make decisions regarding further dissemination of information.

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