

Board Policy JGJ: Crisis Intervention

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The Henry County Board of Education recognizes that public school students may face school-related, family, and/or personal crises at a time in their lives when they are not yet equipped to manage the emotional impact. The Board believes that providing supportive interventions at school is essential and that such assistance, when delivered by qualified staff, can help individual students or groups of students navigate and cope more effectively during difficult times.

A crisis intervention plan shall be implemented to provide supportive help at the local school level for students who may be experiencing a family or personal crisis. The plan shall include the following provisions:

1. Qualified professional staff at the local school level shall be trained in the identification of student behaviors that may indicate a need for crisis intervention as well as procedures for obtaining supportive help for a student.
 2. A Crisis Intervention Team, or other similarly named group, may present at the schools to provide leadership and guidance in the event of a crisis. The team shall consist of district level trained staff and other appropriate school personnel based on the crisis.
 3. The development of a crisis intervention protocol or plan to respond to different crisis situations. District administrative staff will train school personnel on crisis intervention protocols or plans as appropriate.
 4. Qualified professional staff authorized to collect information pertaining to the student's crisis shall be identified.
 5. Procedures shall be established to assure confidentiality. In the event of a life-threatening situation, however, the issue of confidentiality shall no longer apply.
 6. Professional staff authorized to release information to the student body or news media shall be identified.
 7. Procedures to ensure that students experiencing a crisis and wishing to leave school are released either to their parent or guardian, or with their parent's or guardian's approval, as an excused absence.
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