

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS  
POLICY MANUAL  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
CHAPTER 3.0**

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

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- I. This policy covers actions that take place in the school, on school property, at school-sponsored functions and activities, on school buses or vehicles or at bus stops, and at school-sponsored out-of-school events where school staff are present. This policy applies to the entire school community.

The School Board is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. The Board recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Florida's youth. It is critical for families and community members to communicate with and provide information to school staff to identify students at risk of suicide.

- II. The Board directs all school district staff members to be alert to a student who exhibits warning signs of self-harm or who threatens or attempts suicide. Any such warning signs or the report of such warning signs from another student or staff member shall be taken with the utmost seriousness and reported immediately to the Principal or designee.
- III. The Executive Director/~~Superintendent~~ shall develop procedures to ensure that this policy is carried out in the school. The Executive Director/~~Superintendent~~ will prepare and disseminate ~~guidelines~~ ~~guidelines~~ to assist school district staff members in recognizing the warning signs of a student who may be contemplating suicide, to respond to a threat or attempted suicide. The Executive Director/~~Superintendent~~ will develop an intervention plan for in-school suicide attempts, out of school suicide attempts and an appropriate re-entry

process, including a re-entry meeting to discuss the development of a safety plan and additional interventions or supports.

IV. Professional development training in youth suicide prevention opportunities shall be provided to student personnel services staff, administration and instructional staff according to state law and state board rule. ~~A two (2) hour continuing education program of youth suicide awareness and prevention training, utilizing training materials from the list approved by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) is also available for all district staff in all job categories as well as other adults on campus who regularly interact with students or are in a position to recognize the risk factors and warning signs of suicide.~~ Instruction about how to identify appropriate mental health services and how to refer youth and their families to those services should be included in the program. ~~If all instructional personnel at a District school participate in the two (2) hour training the school will be considered a "Suicide Prevention Certified School".~~

~~IV.V.~~ FSUS will implement required instruction on suicide prevention according to state law and state board rule.

~~V.~~ ~~Florida Statute 1003.42 required instruction of 5 hours of mental health instruction for grades 6-12 will be implemented annually through developmentally appropriate instruction and skill building and will address, at a minimum, the following topics: (a) Recognition of signs and symptoms of mental health disorders; (b) Prevention of mental health disorders; (c) Mental health awareness and assistance; (d) How to reduce the stigma around mental health disorders; (e) Awareness of resources, including local school and community resources; (f) The process for accessing treatment; (g) Strategies to develop health coping techniques; (h) Strategies to support a peer, friend, or family member with a mental health disorder; (i) Prevention of suicide; and (j) Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs.~~

VI. The Principal, or designee, shall immediately contact the parent(s) of the student exhibiting warning signs of suicide to inform the parent(s) the student will be

referred to a school-based mental health services provider to perform a suicide risk assessment using a DOE-approved suicide risk assessment instrument~~either the C-SSRS or SAFE-T suicide risk assessment~~ prior to aid in determining whether the student requires an involuntary examination (Baker Act).

~~VI.A.~~ Annually FSUS Leon and shall annually coordinate with local mobile response teams coordinate with each other onto agree on the particular DOE-approved suicide screening risk assessment tool instrument to be used to ensure all parties they are using the same screening instrument.

VII. Student identification cards issued to students in grades 6 through 12, and student information system dashboard shall ~~must~~ include telephone numbers for national or statewide crisis and suicide hotlines and text lines.

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