

1 Great Falls School District

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5 Suicide Awareness and Prevention

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7 Professional Development

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9 The District will provide on an annual basis professional development on youth suicide
10 awareness and prevention to each employee of the District who works directly with any students
11 enrolled in the school district. At a minimum, each employee of the District who works directly
12 with students must receive one (1) hour of youth suicide awareness and prevention training every
13 three (3) years.

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15 The training materials will be approved by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), meet the
16 standards for professional development in the state, and be periodically reviewed by a qualified
17 person or committee for consistency with generally accepted principles of youth suicide
18 awareness and prevention training.

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20 Youth suicide and prevention training may include:

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- 22 • In-person attendance at a live training;
- 23 • Videoconference;
- 24 • An individual program of study of designated materials;
- 25 • Self-review modules available online; and
- 26 • Any other method chosen by the local school board that is consistent with professional
27 development standards.

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29 Prevention and Response

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31 The Board authorizes the Administration and appropriate District staff to develop procedures to
32 address matters related to suicide prevention and response that:

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- 34 • Promote collaboration with families and with community providers in all aspects of
35 suicide prevention and response;
- 36 • Include high quality intervention services for students;
- 37 • Promote interagency cooperation that enables school personnel to identify to access
38 appropriate community resources for use in times of crisis;
- 39 • Include reintegration of youth into a school following a crisis, hospitalization, or
40 residential treatment;
- 41 • Provide for leadership, planning, and support for students and school personnel to ensure
42 appropriate responses to attempted or completed suicides.

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44 No cause of action may be brought for any loss or damage caused by any act or admission
45 resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this policy or resulting from any training,

46 or lack of training, related to this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to impose a
47 specific duty of care.

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49 Cross Reference:

50 Policy 2140 Guidance and Counseling

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52 Legal References:

53 § 20-7-1310, MCA Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training

54 ARM 10.55.720 Suicide Prevention and Response

55 SB369

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57 Policy History

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