Billings School District 2

INSTRUCTION

Suicide Awareness and Prevention

The Administration shall develop and implement a youth suicide prevention program meeting minimum requirements set forth in Montana law

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

All training materials offered must be approved by the Montana Office of Public Instruction. The Administration is directed to take advantage of low-cost and no-cost training provided by Montana Office of Public Instruction.

Youth suicide and prevention training may include:

A. In-person attendance at a live training;
B. Videoconference;
C. An individual program of study of designated materials;
D. Self-review modules available online; and
E. Any other method chosen by the local school board that is consistent with professional development standards.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to impose a specific duty of care.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-7-1310, MCA	Youth suicide awareness and prevention training
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