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The Joint Committee, recognizing the significantly high national rate of adolescent suicide and other self-harming behavior, is committed to addressing suicide and other self-harming behavior on a school-wide level. The Joint Committee also recognizes its responsibility to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention and to establish methods of suicide prevention, intervention and response.

I. Self-Harming Behavior

Although EASTERN is not legally responsible for student self-harming behavior, all efforts will be made to ensure the safety of students.

"Self-harming behavior" includes but is not limited to threats of suicide, excessive risk taking, purposeful self-injury, and evidence of excessive alcohol consumption or harmful drug use.

II. Suicide Prevention

The Joint Committee recognizes that suicide is a potential threat to the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. The Joint Committee also recognizes its responsibility to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention and to establish methods of suicide prevention, intervention and response.

Therefore, the Joint Committee directs the Director to develop guidelines and procedures, in compliance with state law and regulations, utilizing a multifaceted approach to suicide prevention which integrates school and community-based supports.

III. Other Self-harming Behavior

It is the policy of EASTERN to take all signs of self-harming behavior seriously. Once evidence of self-harming behavior is made known to an EASTERN employee, the employee must intervene and immediately in accordance with the procedures outlined in the accompanying Director Procedure.

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See also:

- DP C135 - Suicide Prevention and Self-harming Behavior
- Suicide Prevention Resources for Schools