

SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY

Purpose

In situations where a student is assessed at risk for suicide or has made a suicide attempt, the student's parent or guardian will be informed as soon as practicable by the principal, designee, or mental health professional. If the student has exhibited any kind of suicidal behavior, the parent or guardian should be counseled on "means restriction," limiting the child's access to mechanisms for carrying out a suicide attempt.

Definitions

Policy /Procedure

1. Implementation: The Director shall act as the school suicide prevention coordinator will be responsible for planning and coordinating implementation of this policy for the school. The school suicide prevention coordinator will act as a point of contact in each school concern relating to suicide prevention and policy implementation. All staff members shall report students they believe to be at elevated risk for suicide to the school suicide prevention coordinator.
2. Staff Professional Development: All staff will receive annual professional development of suicide prevention and how to recognize risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide.
3. School Support: Students will participate in mindfulness and learn self regulation tools to help them understand and identify when they should ask a trusted adult for help.
4. Publication and Distribution: This policy will be posted on the school website.