

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Students identified as suicidal shall receive appropriate help as quickly as possible. School personnel working with a depressed or suicidal student shall provide support, parental contact, and referral. To that end, student confidentiality may be waived in life-threatening situations.

With the intent of contributing to the prevention of suicide among its pupils where possible, the Board directs that an Adolescent Suicide Awareness Program be initiated, including:

1. Staff in-service education on suicide prevention that at least complies with state law.
2. Establishment of referral/response procedures in each school to facilitate assisting pupils identified as possibly suicidal.
3. Infusion into the curriculum (K-12) of appropriate information to help students deal appropriately with their emotions, recognize possible suicide warning signs in themselves and others, and increase their awareness of alternatives and resources available for assistance.
4. Parental awareness program to increase their understanding about the problem and the resources available.
5. Procedures in each school for dealing appropriately with tragedies to ease the impact on students, staff, and community in the event of a student suicide.

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