

Students

Suicide

The Board of Education recognizes that suicide is among the three leading cause of death among young people and, consequently, is a concern to this school system and the community it serves. The district wishes to take a pro-active stance in preventing the problem of youth suicide. It is the Board's policy to actively respond in any situation where a student verbally or behaviorally indicated an intent to attempt suicide or to do physical harm to himself/herself.

The Board recognizes its moral and ethical responsibility to provide programs conducive to the positive development of youth and to provide appropriate intervention and referral for those potentially suicidal youths who come to the attention of school personnel. At the same time the district recognizes that suicide is a complex issue, while the school may recognize potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make social assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to a an appropriate agency for such assessment and counseling.

Therefore, any school employee who may have knowledge of a suicide threat or intent must take the proper steps as specified in administrative procedures to report this information to the designated school team who will in turn notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family, and the appropriate community agency. At no time during this process is the student to be left alone.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221(e) Boards of Education to prescribe rules.

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