

Personnel

Suicide Prevention

The Board recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that, while the school may recognize potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make a clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to an appropriate place for such assessment and counseling. Instead, the Board directs school staff to refer students who may be at risk of attempting suicide to an appropriate service for assessment and counseling.

The Board of Education recognizes the need for youth suicide prevention procedures and will establish program(s) to identify risk factors for youth suicide, procedures to intervene with such youth, referral services and training for teachers, other school professionals and students to provide assistance in these programs.

Any school employee who may have knowledge of a suicide threat must take the proper steps to report this information to the building principal or his/her designee who will, in turn, notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family and appropriate resource services.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-221(e) Boards of education to prescribe rules.

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