

**Students**

**Suicide Prevention/Intervention**

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

Any school employee who may have knowledge of a suicide threat must follow the procedures outlined in the administrative regulations for this policy. This information must be reported 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.

A planned program of education for all students about the value of a positive self image in preventing suicide, about the warning signs of potential suicide situations, and about proper procedures for attaining help in preventing suicide shall be established.

These topics will be assigned to the district's comprehensive health education curriculum.

Each school within the district shall establish and maintain a crisis intervention team to mobilize school resources and act as a planning team during the crisis.

**Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes

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

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