



Suicide Awareness and Prevention

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Policy Statement

The Board of Education is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. This policy supports federal, state and local efforts to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; to establish methods of prevention, intervention, response to suicide or suicide attempt and reporting procedures; and to promote access to suicide awareness and prevention resources. The Board of Education recognizes that youth suicide in the United States accounts for approximately 4,600 deaths annually of young people between the ages of 10 and 24 according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The Board of Education:

- Requires that each school employee shall complete 90 minutes of professional development in the area of youth suicide awareness and prevention and that the material contained in that professional development shall be developed and/or approved by the Department of Education.
- Requires that each school shall create a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Committee to meet the requirements set forth in 14 Del § 4165.
- Prohibits retaliation against an employee, school volunteer or student for reporting the warning signs of suicide.
- Requires a procedure shall be established for the confidential and anonymous reporting of the warning signs of suicide and for communication between school staff members and medical professionals who are involved in the treating of students for suicide issues.
- Mental Health/Substance Use Emergencies- Child Priority Response (Crisis) Services - 1800-969-HELP (4357) or 988

Responsibility

The Superintendent shall ensure that the Suicide Prevention Policy is enforced.

References

Title 14 Delaware Code § 4165 Youth Suicide Prevention;
Board Policy 1007, Compliance
Series 8000 Administrative Memorandum Youth Suicide Prevention

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