

Students

Suicide Prevention and Intervention

The Board of Education recognizes that suicide is a serious, complex issue that requires the collaborative efforts of all individuals responsible for the safety and well-being of the students. The Board also recognizes that, while the general school staff may recognize a potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make a clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling. Instead, the Board directs school staff to refer students who may be at risk of attempting suicide to an appropriate resource for such assessment and counseling and to work closely with parents to provide support for the student.

Any school employee who has knowledge of an attempted suicide by a student or of a student's plan to commit suicide must take the proper steps to report this information to the building principal, a guidance counselor, a psychologist, or a social worker, who will notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family, and appropriate resource services.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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