

5350 STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Superintendent directs all school personnel to be alert to the student who exhibits signs of potential self-destruction or who threatens or attempts suicide. Any such signs or the report of such signs from another student or staff member should be taken with the utmost seriousness and reported immediately to the Building Principal or his/her designee, who shall notify the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and other professional staff members in accordance with administrative regulations.

A potentially suicidal student shall be referred to the school psychologist or school social worker for appropriate evaluation and/or recommendation for independent medical or psychiatric services. In the event that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) objects to the recommended evaluation or indicates an unwillingness to cooperate in the best interests of the student, the school psychologist or school social worker may contact the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services to request that agency's intervention on the student's behalf.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the guidance of staff members in recognizing the student who contemplates suicide, in responding to threatened or attempted suicide, and in preventing contagion when a student commits suicide. The Superintendent or designee shall provide each staff member with the NJ State required two (2) hours of suicide prevention training once every five (5) years.

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