

STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The School Board recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. The School Board believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and the School Corporation.

To that end, the School Corporation cooperates with the larger community including suicide prevention services. Information regarding such suicide prevention services located in our community can be found at the Indiana Center for the Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide at indianaprevention.org or through Hancock County Community Resources Center Healthy 365 at behealthy365.org. Further, information regarding crisis intervention referral is available to students, parents, and School Corporation employees. Guardians can contact the school counselor or administrator for a referral to the school based therapist or they may contact Healthy 365 to be connected with a Support Navigator who will provide connections to local resources and services.

The School Corporation provides counseling services for students and families related to suicide prevention. School counselors provide crisis intervention and immediate coping skills, and connect guardians and students to mental health counselors to provide comprehensive mental health and suicide prevention services for students.

The School Corporation recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. The plan, training, and any other program authorized under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

The School Corporation shall provide training to School Corporation employees consistent with Indiana law. All staff members receive suicide prevention training through an online training module every three years. The training addresses warning signs and tendencies that may be evidence that a student is considering suicide.

Consistent with Indiana law, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop a plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and School Corporation employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop any other program or activity appropriate to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide.

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