

Board Policy:**Purpose:**

Recognizing that mental disorders are a leading cause of death for youth in the United States, the school has developed the following plan to prevent such a disorder from overcoming a student.

Prevention:

- CORE will strive to promote a strong positive school climate that fosters respectful relationships and strengthens feelings of connectedness to the school.
- CORE will fully implement its discipline policies, which will allow students to wholeheartedly focus on learning.
- CORE will enhance students' understanding of social-emotional health through ongoing interactions by speaking about and modeling healthy mental practices.
- CORE will offer suicide prevention training which will include the following components:
 - Recognize indicating suicide ideation
 - Understand potential risk factors
 - Develop an inventory of resources and services available
 - Cultivate opportunities for student involvement

Intervention:

- If a staff member suspects a student's suicidal ideation, he/she will notify administration and the student's PLT as well as consult the Suicide Intervention Handbook.
- The parent shall be notified and provided with mental health resources.
- As the student continues to attend school, the staff shall be made aware and asked to keep close watch on the student; his/her teacher will stay in close contact with the parent(s).

Postvention:

In the unfortunate event of a student suicide, CORE will do everything possible to support the family survivors and fellow students including, communicating clear messages as needed and appropriate, identifying others at risk for self-destructive behavior, providing on-site counseling, and assisting with access to mental health services.

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