

## BOARD POLICY

Suicide Prevention Programs

The district recognizes that suicide prevention is a critically important issue for all of our students, staff, and families. To mitigate possible suicidal behavior and support the underlying behavioral health issues that can accompany suicidal thoughts, the district shall develop materials related to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention procedures that shall be communicated to all district staff.

All district staff that have regular contact with students shall receive annual suicide prevention training. The content shall include additional information regarding groups of students that are at elevated risk for suicide. These groups include, but are not limited to, the following: youth bereaved by suicide; youth with a history of suicide ideation or attempts; youth with disabilities, mental illness, or substance abuse disorders; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth (LGBTQ); youth experiencing homelessness or in out-of-home settings, such as foster care, and youth who have suffered traumatic experiences.

The district shall develop and publish a *Suicide Prevention Guide* which shall detail specific procedures and outline recommendations for professional practice.