

POLICY 5570
CRISIS MANAGEMENT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

A comprehensive crisis management/suicide prevention program shall be developed, implemented, and maintained by District personnel appointed by the Superintendent of Schools.

The student crisis management/suicide prevention program shall incorporate (a) primary prevention approaches which represent ongoing education of students, staff, and parents; (b) additional prevention approaches which define the referral and intervention procedures for students with immediate assistance needs; and (c) guidelines for dealing with a crisis situation at the school and District level.

The School District recognizes that any staff member acting in good faith to prevent suicide by a student is immune from civil liability for any act or omission in respect to the suicide or attempted suicide, as provided in Wisconsin Statutes 118.295.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

Sections 118.01(2)d7	Instructional program goals related to suicide prevention and intervention
118.295	Suicide intervention; civil liability exemption
120.12(26)	School safety plans
121.02(1)(i)	Safe and healthful facilities standard

CROSS REF.: 3500, District Safety Policy
3643, Emergency School Closings
5531, Emergency Care Services
5138, Maintenance of School Environment
Emergency and Safety Preparedness Manual
School Safety Plans

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: None

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To ensure the development, implementation and maintenance of a comprehensive and effective student crisis management/suicide prevention program, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Establish a school-based crisis resource team appointed by the principal of each school to implement and monitor the procedures identified in the District Crisis Management/Suicide Prevention Plan.
2. A District-wide Crisis Response Team will be formed and be available to assist Crisis Resource Teams. This team will provide assistance to schools in crisis situations beyond the scope of the building team. The Crisis Response Team will also work collaboratively with community agencies and resources.
3. Provide immediate procedures to be used by counselors, administrators, and other staff members for students who appear to be depressed, suicidal, or who in other ways appear to be at risk.
4. Provide staff inservice education as needed.
5. Provide information related to student crisis management/suicide prevention for parents.
6. Provide educational information for students concerning suicide and loss.
7. Coordinate the crisis management/suicide prevention information into health education and other curricular areas.