Suicide Prevention Training
District Response and Resources/Toolkits
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A student’s mental health can affect their academic performance. Depression and other brain conditions can interfere with the ability to learn.

Maintaining a safe environment is part of a school's overall mission.

A student suicide can significantly impact other students and the entire school community. Knowing what to do following a suicide is critical to helping students cope with the loss and preventing additional tragedies that could occur.

Students need support in school, community and at home. A comprehensive approach in all areas leads to better outcomes.
Suicide Prevention in Districts

• **Best Practices:**
  - Awareness training on warning signs for all staff
  - Suicide lethality assessment training for key staff (school counselors, social workers, administrators)
  - Policies and guidelines for parent notification and supervision and support services for students
  - Referral procedures for community services and monitoring and follow up at school
  - Re-entry programs and supports for students returning from hospitalization
  - Information on the district website about depression and suicide including hotline
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Resources and Programs
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Project AWARE Information Brief: Teen Suicide: Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention


Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention: Model Language, Commentary and Resources

Children’s Safety Network: Youth Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention: 2017 Resource Guide:

School Based Threat Assessments Dr. Dewey Cornell, University of Virginia
https://www.schoolta.com/
Toolkit for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention

After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools:
http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/migrate/library/AfteraSuicideToolkitforSchools.pdf

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: The More than Sad program offers prevention education for students, parents and teachers: https://afsp.org/our-work/education/more-than-sad/

School-Wide Universal Screening for Behavioral and Mental Health Issues: Implementation Guidance

Suicide Screening and Assessment
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