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## Students

## Suicide Prevention

The school system has a responsibility to provide suicide prevention education for all students at designated grade levels and provide appropriate intervention and referral for those potentially suicidal youth who come to the attention of school personnel.

The board also recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that, while the school may recognize potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to an appropriate place for assessment and counseling.

Any school employee who may have knowledge of a suicide threat must take the proper steps to report this information to the building principal or the designee who will, in turn, notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family and appropriate resource services.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

PA 89-168 Child abuse and the prevention of youth suicide

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