

457 SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

It is the policy of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids to develop an effective youth suicide prevention program. The District recognizes that youth suicide is preventable and that educating the public is a critical element in the prevention effort. The District further accepts that youth suicide prevention and intervention is a community-based school focused effort that necessitates coordination between county agencies, schools, parents, and other community members.

The suicide prevention and intervention program shall include:

- Establishing a cooperative prevention plan between community agencies and school personnel.
- Organizing a suicide prevention committee.
- Providing an instructional program designed to help prevent youth suicides by promoting the positive emotional development of students.
- Offering inservice training programs for staff.
- Designating building-level primary contact people for staff who wish to have information on youth suicide or to refer a suicidal student.

The District shall adopt procedures in response to the need for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. School employees shall follow established procedures when dealing with suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

Any school employee who, in good faith, attempts to prevent suicide by a student is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions with respect to a suicide or attempted suicide.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.01(2)(d)7 Wisconsin Statutes
118.126
118.295

CROSS REF.: District Crisis Intervention/Aftermath Plan

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