

SUICIDE PREVENTION

If any employee has reason to believe, either by virtue of direct knowledge or a report from another person, that a person is in any danger of harming him/herself, that employee is to report the situation to the principal and crisis team immediately and should contact local law enforcement.

If the person has threatened or has displayed a cluster of alarming warning signals, appears to have a plan, or is in imminent danger and requires intervention, the principal will be contacted immediately.

Steps of Action:

During Crisis:

1. Do not leave the person alone.
2. Refer student to counselor, lethality will be assessed.
3. Contact the student's parent(s) or guardian. It is recommended that a second person witness the call. Complete Crisis Referral/Intervention form; file with a counselor.
4. Do not allow the person to go home unsupervised. A parent/guardian or other adult, must assume direct responsibility for the student before allowing him/her to leave school.
5. Provide parent/guardian with available crisis counseling information.
6. If it is determined that the parent/guardian's response is damaging to the child, likely to cause a suicide attempt, or the student refuses to leave with the adult, the situation should be reported to the DHS. They can transport students to the Youth Services Shelter or DHS Protective Shelter in Tulsa.
7. If the student's parent/guardian cannot be reached and student is suicidal, the student can be hospitalized for up to 72 hours without parent/guardian consent. Call Youth Services or the police to arrange this.

After Crisis:

1. After the immediate crisis has been resolved, the crisis team shall meet to evaluate the situation and decide on an appropriate role for the school to take in assisting the student.
2. The counselor will remain in close contact with the student and will be the liaison between student, parent/guardian, school, and any involved community agencies.
3. Teachers involved with the student will be assisted in appropriately dealing with the student.
4. Referral sources will be given to the parent/guardian. Students who are suicidal are not safe at school, and the parent/guardian will be given a list of mental health providers. Failure to provide professional support may result in school officials reporting negligence to the DHS and/or recommending that the child not return to school until his/her safety is assured.
5. Confidentiality shall be maintained throughout these procedures unless the safety of the student is at stake.

Police 326-1700 DHS 918-435-3001

Ambulance:

Sioam Springs 501-524-6131
 Hastings 918-458-5403
 Jay 918-253-6198

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Helpline 800-522-9054