



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

STUDENTS

ADOLESCENT SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The Board of Education believes the physical, emotional and mental well-being of all students must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement and educational adjustment through the formally structured educational process. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that behaviors dangerous to self and others, up to and including suicide are mental health issues that may be addressed with involvement of the State or community mental health agencies and with appropriate awareness, prevention and intervention programs.

The Superintendent or designee will develop, implement and communicate a comprehensive and continuing adolescent suicide awareness and prevention program for the District that advances the Board's goals of increasing awareness and prevention of depression and suicide. The Program shall include:

1. Protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to students and staff.
2. Procedures for methods of suicide prevention with the goal of early identification and referral of students possibly at risk of suicide.
3. Methods of intervention, including procedures that address an emotional or mental health safety plan for use during the school day and at school sponsored events for a student identified as being at increased risk of suicide.
4. Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide or suicide attempt.
5. Reporting procedures.
6. A process to incorporate ISBE-recommended resources on youth suicide awareness and prevention programs, including current contact information for such programs in the District's Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program.

The Superintendent will make an effort to develop a liaison between the State or community mental health agency and the District for the purpose of securing professional expertise and assistance with the program.

In addition to the adolescent suicide prevention program, other at risk behaviors will be addressed through additional crisis intervention procedures.

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Reference: Board Policy 7-290 and the Illinois School Code (as amended):

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163

105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/14-7.02, and

105 ILCS 5/14-7.02b.

745 ILCS 10/.