

SUICIDE/HOMICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND POSTVENTION

Nye County School District (NCS D) recognizes that physical, behavioral, and emotional health and well-being is an integral component of a student's educational outcomes. NCS D further recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among young people and has an ethical responsibility to take a proactive approach in preventing deaths by suicide. Each school has a role in providing an environment which is sensitive to individual and societal factors that place youth at greater risk for suicide and which helps foster positive development.

This Policy applies to the entire school community, including educators, school and District staff, students, parents/legal guardians, volunteers, and covers actions that take place in all District NCS D schools, on school property, at school-sponsored functions and activities, on school buses or vehicles, bus stops, and at school-sponsored out-of-school events where school staff are present. Specifically, this Policy shall be applied in a manner consistent with the District's NCS D's Child Find obligations.

A District Suicide Prevention Committee shall be designated by the Superintendent. This Committee will be responsible for planning and coordinating implementation of the Suicide/Homicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Plan for NCS D the District, as an appendix of the Standardized Emergency Operations Plan. The Chairman of the Committee will also serve as a member of the Emergency Operations Team.

All staff will receive annual professional development (PD) on risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, postvention, and resources regarding youth suicide prevention. The PD will include additional information regarding groups of students at elevated risk for suicide, including those living with mental and/or substance use disorders, those who engage in self-harm or have attempted suicide, those in out-of-home settings, those experiencing homelessness, American Indian/Alaska Native students, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning) students, students bereaved by suicide, and those with medical conditions or certain types of disabilities. Additional PD in risk assessment and crisis intervention will be provided to school employed mental health professionals and school nurses.

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Resources: Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention, Model Language, Commentary & Resources. The TREVOR Project. NCS D Emergency Operations Plan

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