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SUICIDE PREVENTION/INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Board of Education of the Evansville Community School District is committed to the prevention of student suicides through a comprehensive program of staff development, direct instruction of students, crisis management and joint community action. The Board recognizes that suicide among young people is a problem that requires a community to react by taking appropriate actions prior to the occurrence of crises situations.

Although the issue of suicide is a sensitive and emotional one, it is clear that suicide is most often a preventable death. The signs of a suicidal youth are observable most of the time and the actions necessary to help them are well documented.

Expedient action is necessary to effectively support all persons involved cope with the adverse effects of suicide. Specific procedures shall be developed and implemented addressing protocol to respond to potentially suicidal students; referrals to local resource agencies able to intervene with these students; and plans for responding to the death of a student. In the event of a threatened, attempted or completed suicide, the suicide/sudden death response plan shall give direction for necessary actions to provide help.

Any employee, officer, school board member, or volunteer who in good faith, attempts to prevent suicide by a pupil, is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in respect to the suicide or attempted suicide under state statute.

Legal Ref.: Sections 115.365 Wisconsin Statutes (Assistance to Schools for Suicide Prevention Programs)

118.01(2)(d)7 (Educational Goals and Expectations)

118.295 (Suicide Intervention; Civil Liability Exemption)

Local Ref.: Policy #457.1-Suicide Prevention Procedures, Administrative Rule
Suicide/Sudden Death Response Plan
Youth Suicide Prevention Resources and Services Notice