

## **CRISIS PROCEDURES FOR SUICIDE THREATS/ATTEMPTS**

**(Crisis Documents and Forms for Administrators and Counselors are uploaded to and can be accessed on One Drive)**

### **FORM REVIEW:**

- **BCS Policy #6054**
- **BCS Emergency Operations Plan Emergency Response Procedure for Suicide Threats/Attempts or Completion on Organizational Property**
- **Threat Assessment Checklist/Administrator Checklist for Suicide Threats**
- **Parent/Guardian School Safety Contract**
- **Parent/Guardian Conference Form Sample for talking points when referring for Suicide Risk Assessment**
- **Parent Resource Opportunity Packet**

### **PROCEDURES FOR INTERVENTION (per BSC Policy 6054):**

Any employee who has reason to believe that a student is at imminent risk of suicide shall report such belief to the principal or school counselor. Belief that a student is at imminent risk of suicide shall include, but are not limited to, the student verbalizing the desire to commit suicide, evidence of self-harm or a student self-refers.

Upon notification, the principal or counselor shall ensure the student is placed under adult supervision.

Emergency medical services shall be contacted immediately if an in-school suicide attempt occurs. The principal or his/her designee shall contact the Superintendent or the Director of Student Services as soon as practicable.

Prior to contacting the student's parent/guardian, the principal shall determine if there could be further risk of harm resulting from parent/guardian notification. If parent/guardian notification could result in further risk of harm or endanger the health or wellbeing of the student, then local law enforcement and the DCS shall be contacted.

Parental permission should be sought to communicate with outside mental health care providers regarding a student. If the student is under the age of 18 and the parent/guardian refuses to seek appropriate assistance, DCS shall be notified.

Document the contact with the parent/guardian by recording:

- The date and time of the contact
- The individual contacted
- The parent/guardian's response
- Anticipated follow-up

Blank Conference Form and Sample Completed Conference Form (Template) for referencing the necessary components of the parent/guardian conference are uploaded to One Drive.

The principal shall ensure that the student is under adult supervision until a parent/guardian or other authorized individual accepts responsibility for the student's safety.

During the conference, provide the parent/guardian with the Parent Resource Opportunity Packet. There are multiple **24-hour a day/7 days a week** mental health providers that will conduct **free** suicide risk assessments listed in the Parent Resource Opportunity Packet. Mobile Crisis will provide in-home assessments. Risk assessments should be completed the same day that a student is identified as at risk for suicide.

Prior to the student returning to school, the principal and/or his/her designee shall meet with the student's parent/guardian, and student, if appropriate. The parent/guardian shall provide documentation from a mental health care provider indicating that the student has received a suicide risk assessment. If parent/guardian refuses to seek appropriate assistance, DCS shall be notified. Parent/Guardian and Student Safety Contracts are uploaded to One Drive to provide additional support for the at-risk student.

Because a student who attempted suicide often is at greater risk for a suicide in the months following the crisis, **it is extremely important to closely monitor his or her re-entry into school and to maintain close contact with parents and mental health professionals (if Release of Confidentiality has been obtained) who are working with that student.**

Korrie White and Zoe Bozeman are available to address any concerns you may have regarding the Suicide Prevention Policy and related procedures.

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