

M. Student Well-Being: Emotional

Fostering the health and well-being of all students in a nurturing and respectful learning community is fundamentally important. Fort Smith Public Schools use research based education Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculums coupled with research based suicide prevention curriculums and suicide prevention administrative protocols to create a comprehensive K-12 network of growth and support.

- School counselors and administrators serve as a point of contact for students/families in crisis. These school leaders will refer the student and their family to appropriate resources.
- When a student exhibits signs of potential concern for safety, the student will be referred to a school counselor or administrator who will work with the student and, if warranted, help connect them and their parents or guardians with appropriate resources.
- Students have access to resources which they can use to contact additional support through the counseling link within the Fort Smith Public Schools' website such as:

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1.800.273.8255 (TALK) or text HOME to 741741
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

FSPS Safe School Helpline
Anonymous tip line and trained crisis counselor
800-418-6423

- All students are encouraged to tell a teacher, counselor, administrator, or any adult if they, or a peer, are feeling suicidal or in need of help.
- Students should also know that because of the life or death nature of these matters, confidentiality or privacy concerns are secondary to seeking help for students in crisis.

L. School officials are required to evaluate the immunization status of all children in their facilities.