Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ

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Student Suicide Prevention**

The district shall develop a comprehensive student suicide prevention plan for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

The district may consult with state or national suicide prevention organizations, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), school-based mental health professionals, parents, guardians, employees, students, administrators and school boards associations when developing the required plan.

The plan shall include, at a minimum:

1. Procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention and activities that reduce risk and promote healing after a suicide;

2. Identification of the school officials responsible for responding to reports of suicidal risk;

3. A procedure by which a person may request the district to review the actions of a school in responding to suicidal risk;

4. Methods to address the needs of high-risk groups, including:

    a. Youth bereaved by suicide;
    b. Youth with disabilities, mental illness or substance abuse disorders;
    c. Youth experiencing homelessness or out of home settings, such as foster care; and
    d. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other minority gender identity and sexual orientation, Native American, Black, Latinx, and Asian students.

5. A description of, and materials for, any training to be provided to employees as part of the plan, which must include:

    a. When and how to refer youth and their families to appropriate mental health services; and
    b. Programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials.

6. Supports that are culturally and linguistically responsive;

7. Procedures for reentry into a school environment following a hospitalization or behavioral health crisis[1]; and

[1] "Behavioral health crisis" as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2510, means a disruption in an individual's mental or emotional stability or functioning resulting in an urgent need for immediate treatment to prevent a serious deterioration in the individual's mental or physical health.

8. A process for designating staff to be trained in an evidence-based suicide prevention program.[2]

The plan must be written to ensure that a district employee acts only within the authorization and scope of the employee's credentials or licenses.

The plan must be available annually to the community of the district, including district students, their parents and guardians, and employees and volunteers of the district, and readily available at the district office and on the district website.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107
ORS 339.343
OAR 581-022-2510

[2] ODE will provide a list of available programs.