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**Suicide Prevention and Intervention**

The Madison Board of Education recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that schools are not mental health treatment centers. School personnel may recognize a potentially suicidal youth and, in such cases, may make a preliminary determination of level of risk. ~~\_, while the school may recognize a potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make a clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling. Instead, the~~ The Board directs school staff to refer students who come to their attention as being at risk ~~may be at risk~~ of attempting suicide for professional assessment and treatment services outside of school. ~~to an appropriate service for assessment and counseling.~~

The Board of Education recognizes the need for youth suicide prevention procedures and will establish program(s) to assist staff to identify risk factors, intervention procedures, and procedures for referral to outside services. Training will be provided for teachers and other school staff and students to provide awareness and assistance in this area. ~~for youth suicide, procedures to intervene with such youth, referral services and training for teachers, other school professionals, and students to provide assistance in these programs.~~

Any ~~Board school~~ employee who ~~may have~~ has knowledge of a suicide threat, attempt or ideation must immediately report ~~take the proper steps to report~~ this information to the building principal or his/her designee who will, in turn, notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family and appropriate resource services. Information concerning a student's suicide attempt, threat or risk will be shared with others to the degree necessary to protect that students and others.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
~~10-221(e) Boards of education to prescribe rules.~~  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221(e)

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