



Book	POLICIES
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STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The School Board recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. The School Board believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and the School Corporation.

To that end, the School Corporation cooperates with the larger community including suicide prevention services. Information regarding such suicide prevention services located in our community can be found on the FCS Intranet, on student IDs/lanyards in Grades 7-12, and in our school counseling offices. Further information regarding crisis intervention referral is available to students, parents, and School Corporation employees.

The School Corporation provides counseling services for students and families related to suicide prevention. For students who are Medicaid eligible, FCS offers onsite therapy and skills-based support through approved collaborations with multiple community mental health agencies. In partnership with an outside agency, FCS offers wraparound care coordination services for those with private insurance. These services help students, families, and staff navigate the mental health care system. In crisis situations, the Director of Mental Health or a member of the mental health support team can provide short-term mental health support until a more sustainable option becomes available.

The School Corporation recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. The plan, training, and any other program authorized under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

The School Corporation shall provide evidence-based training to School Corporation employees ~~consistent with Indiana law~~. This training, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), addresses warning signs and tendencies that may evidence a student is considering suicide.

Consistent with Indiana law, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop a personalized plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and School Corporation employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop any other program or activity appropriate to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide.

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