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4 **Youth Suicide Prevention**
5 **Policy Series: 3000**

6 **Policy No. 3425**

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8 **Purpose:**

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10 Provo City School District recognizes its role and responsibility in suicide prevention for its
11 students and families. In collaboration with the Utah State Board of Education, the District shall
12 adopt and implement a suicide prevention program for students that follows best practices and
13 state law.

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15 **Establishment of Youth Suicide Prevention Program**

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17 In collaboration with the public education suicide prevention coordinator appointed by the State
18 Board of Education, the District shall implement a youth suicide prevention program for students
19 in elementary and secondary grades. (Elementary grades are kindergarten through grade 5 and
20 grade 6 if the associated middle or junior high school does not include grade 6. Secondary
21 grades are grades 7 through 12 and grade 6 if a middle or junior high school includes grade 6.)

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23 These programs shall consider appropriate coordination with programs for the prevention of
24 bullying and cyber-bullying and for the prevention of underage drinking of alcohol and substance
25 abuse. The programs shall also include provisions to ensure prompt communication with
26 parents in accordance with [Utah Code § 53G-9-604](#).

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28 The elementary and secondary programs shall include programs and training to address:

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31 1. Life-affirming education, including the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits, self-care,
32 problem solving, and conflict resolution;

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35 2. Methods of strengthening the family; and

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38 3. Methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community.

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40 The secondary program shall also include programs and training to address:

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43 1. Prevention of youth suicide;
44 2. Decreasing the risk of suicide among youth who are not accepted by family for any
45 reason, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth, or who suffer
46 from bullying;
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49 3. Youth suicide intervention; and
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52 4. Postvention for family, students, and faculty.

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54 In implementing this program and related training, the District shall refer to and as appropriate
55 make use of the model programs developed by the Department of Health and the state suicide
56 prevention coordinator.

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58 **Youth Suicide Prevention Training**

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60 Each licensed employee of the District shall complete professional development training on
61 youth suicide prevention every three years, using the training materials adopted by the District.

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63 **Legal References**

64 [Utah Code § 53G-9-702 \(2023\)](#)

65 [Utah Code § 53G-9-704 \(2024\)](#)

66 [Utah Admin. Rules R277-620-3\(3\) to \(6\) \(November 7, 2023\)](#)

67 [Utah Code § 53G-9-604](#)

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69 **Board Approved:**

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