



**Youth Suicide Prevention
Policy Series: 3000**

Policy No. 3425

Purpose:

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

Establishment of Youth Suicide Prevention Program

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

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

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

1. Life-affirming education, including the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits, self-care, problem solving, and conflict resolution;
2. Methods of strengthening the family; and
3. Methods of strengthening a youth's relationships in the school and community.

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

- 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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