

**Section:** G Personnel

**Policy Code:** GADAC Suicide Prevention Education In-Service Training

**Policy:**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. It is the policy of the district that **annual** in-service training on suicide prevention education will be conducted for all ~~licensed teachers and principals~~ **school district employees.**

The Board establishes this policy in an effort to take positive steps toward reducing student suicide through:

1. Prevention. To provide in-service training to all ~~licensed teachers and principals~~ **school district employees** with information about and recognition of the signs of suicidal behavior; **including, but not limited to, early identification and delegation of responsibility for planning and coordination of suicide prevention efforts.**
2. Intervention. To take affirmative action when an immediate referral is warranted and to understand the emergency procedures when a referral is made **and to provide support for students.**
3. Postvention. To respond to suicide or suicide attempt, utilizing the district's crisis response, documentation, and reporting procedures.

**As required by law, this policy shall be further developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professions, and suicide prevention experts.**

**The Tupelo Public School District shall utilize training materials and resources developed by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and shall comply with all requirements of the Mississippi Department of Education regarding suicide prevention.**

**The superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for implementation of the policy.**

**LEGAL REF.:**

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-101, § 37-3-103

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The training program implemented in the District has been developed by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and Mississippi Department of Education.

**References:**

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