

STUDENT SAFETY

Guidelines for Dealing with Attempted or Potential Suicide

DO NOT LEAVE THE STUDENT UNATTENDED

- A. Notify the office for extra help.
- B. Establish the medical/physical situation:
 - 1. Did the student ingest something?

If yes, call Poison Control immediately at 1-800-442-6305.
 - 2. Did the student injure himself/herself?
- C. Try to obtain any possible weapons, pills, or substances the student may have.
- D. If necessary, call the Ambulance.
- E. Have someone call parent. If parent is not available, a staff member should go with the student.
- F. After the emergency phase has passed:
 - 1. Call Substance Abuse Counselor.
 - 2. Call School Nurse.
- G. Counseling:
 - 1. With the student:
 - a. Be sure that the student has been referred to support services, or
 - b. Determine a possible support structure for the short term (e.g., parents, guidance counselor, clergy, substance abuse counselor).
 - 2. With the student's friends - Determine need for support and possible means.
- H. Follow-up:
 - 1. An administrator should file a "School Incident Form".
 - 2. Primary staff member should file a narrative report of the situation.

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