

SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. It is the policy of the Jackson Public School District that in-service training on suicide prevention education will be conducted for all school employees and personnel, including all cafeteria workers, custodians, nurses, bus drivers, teachers, and administrators. The Superintendent will ensure that procedures regarding suicide prevention and response are developed and communicated.

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

1. **Prevention.** To provide in-service training to all staff with information about and recognition of the signs of suicidal behavior and to identify the appropriate person to whom someone should report a concern regarding a person demonstrating pre-suicidal or suicidal behavior.
2. **Intervention.** To take immediate and affirmative action when a person demonstrates pre-suicidal behavior, including referral to appropriate person and the implementation of emergency procedures.
3. **Post-Event.** To address a 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.

This 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 the implementation of this policy.

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi;
Miss. Code Ann. §§37-3-101 and 37-3-103

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