

457 Suicide Prevention Program

It is the policy of the Williams Bay School District to develop an effective youth suicide prevention program. The District recognizes that we need to educate our students and school community and it is our joint responsibility to work together in youth suicide prevention and intervention. This requires coordination between county agencies, schools, parents, and other community members.

The suicide prevention and intervention program shall include:

- Establishing a cooperative prevention plan, including the provision of resources, between all school community members.
- The creation of a Suicide Risk Assessment for the Student Services team to utilize within the school environment to get a better understanding of overall risk.
- Providing an instructional program designed to help prevent youth suicide by promoting social/emotional learning of students.
- Offering ongoing professional development opportunities to staff.
- Designating a building-level primary contact for staff who need more information or immediate assistance.

The District shall adopt procedures in response to the need for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. School employees shall follow established protocols when dealing with suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention.

Any school employee who, in good faith, attempts to prevent suicide by a student is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions with respect to a suicide or attempted suicide.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 118.01(2)(d)7, 118.126, 118.295

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