

PERSONNELGENERAL PERSONNEL – Professional Development – Adolescent Suicide

Adolescent suicide is a major cause of death for teenagers. The Regional Office of Education shall attempt to address the problem through intervention, prevention and education.

All certified personnel shall receive training to assist them to recognize cues and give help once suicide appears as a possibility for a student known to them. The Regional Superintendent or his/her designee is responsible for planning and implementing personnel professional development programs that address the problem of adolescent suicide. The programs may be planned in cooperation with state or community mental health agencies.

Employee response to a perceived high-risk crisis situation of a possible student suicide shall follow these guidelines:

1. The employee shall contact the administrator/supervisor.
2. The administrator/supervisor shall contact the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). A verbal contact shall be followed by a letter from the administrator/supervisor, sent by certified mail, to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. The administrator/supervisor shall contact the community's mental health agency and prepare a written record of the contact.
4. The administrator/supervisor shall contact the ROE Crisis Team Coordinator, who will advise the Regional Superintendent or his/her designee.

LEG. REF.: Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 122, para. 3-14.8.  
Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 122, para. 10-22.39.  
Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 122, para. 34-18.7.  
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