

STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The School Board recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. The School Board believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and the School Corporation.

To that end, the School Corporation cooperates with the larger community including suicide prevention services. Information regarding such suicide prevention services located in our community can be found on the Indiana Suicide Prevention website, located at <https://www.in.gov/issp/>. Further, information regarding crisis intervention referral is available to students, parents, and School Corporation employees. This can be done by using the 4C Health Crisis Line at 1-800-552-3106, calling or texting the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988, or using the 4C Walk-In Clinic at 1060 S. Main St. Suite 2 Tipton, IN 46072. A 24-Hour Crisis line and Emergency Psychiatric Evaluations. 4C is also an active partner with Tipton Community Schools and meets with the counselors and social worker across all three buildings on a monthly basis. This is to ensure that students' mental health needs are being met and referrals to 4C are being discussed.

The School Corporation provides counseling services for students and families related to suicide prevention. The counseling department meets with students on a regular basis to discuss mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, suicide prevention, etc. These materials are accessible so they are available throughout the school year. Students who need more extensive services can meet with school counselors on an individual basis at regular intervals or we refer them to our community mental health partner, 4C.

The School Corporation recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. The plan, training, and any other program authorized under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

The School Corporation shall provide evidence-based training to School Corporation employees. The Safe Schools videos that all staff are required to complete each year cover this training. 4C has offered free QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training for anyone interested and we have talked about incorporating that into a staff meeting this year. The training will address warning signs and tendencies that may evidence a student is considering suicide.

Consistent with Indiana law, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop a plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and School Corporation employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop any other program or activity appropriate to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide.

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