SUICIDE PREVENTION

Intervention

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the principal or designee shall:

1.	Ensure the student's physical safety by one of the following, as appropriate:

   a.	Securing immediate medical treatment if a suicide attempt has occurred

   b.	Securing law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened

   c.	Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene

2.	Designate specific individuals to be promptly contacted, including the school counselor, psychologist, nurse, superintendent, and/or the student's parent/guardian, and, as necessary, local law enforcement or mental health agencies

3.	Document the incident in writing as soon as feasible

4.	Follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed

5.	Provide access to counselors or other appropriate personnel to listen to and support students and staff who are directly or indirectly involved with the incident at the school

6.	Provide an opportunity for all who respond to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions

In the event that a suicide occurs or is attempted on campus, the principal or designee shall follow the crisis intervention procedures contained in the school safety plan. After consultation with the Superintendent or designee and the student's parents/guardians about facts that may be divulged in accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the principal or designee may provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how best to discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.