

Youth Protection Policy

Definitions

1. “Intervention” means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.
2. “Parent notification” means a notice provided by a school to a students’ parent(s).
3. “Postvention” means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to prevent or contain contagion.

Policy

1. Vista School shall implement a youth suicide prevention program for students in grades 6 through 9. The youth suicide prevention program will include educational training that will emphasize methods of strengthening a youth’s relationships in the school and community, and will focus on the concepts of resiliency, healthy habits, self-care, problem solving, and conflict resolution.
 - a. Parents will receive notification prior to their student receiving suicide prevention education training.
2. Vista School’s suicide prevention program will allow school personnel to ask a student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention. Intervention will include efforts to prevent a student from attempting suicide. Postvention will include mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or completion.
3. Vista School will send notice to parents and protect the confidentiality of the parent notification record regarding all bullying and suicide incidents.

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