

District: Greenville Public School District
Section: G - Personnel
Policy Code: GADAC - Suicide Prevention Education In-Service Training

SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The Board of Trustees of the Greenville Public School District recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. It is the policy of this school district that annual in-service training on suicide prevention education will be conducted for all school district employees.

The board establishes this policy in an effort to take positive steps toward reducing student suicide through:

1. **Prevention.** To provide in-service training to all school district employees with information about and recognition of the signs of suicidal behavior; including, but not limited to, early identification and delegation of responsibility for planning and coordination of suicide prevention efforts.
2. **Intervention.** To take affirmative action when an immediate referral is warranted and to understand the emergency procedures when a referral is made and to provide support for students.
3. **Postvention.** To respond to suicide or suicide attempt, utilizing the district's crisis response, documentation, and reporting procedures.

As required by law, this policy shall be further developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts.

This school district shall utilize training materials and resources developed by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and shall comply with all requirements of the Mississippi Department of Education regarding suicide prevention.

The superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for implementation of this policy.

LEGAL REF.: MS CODE '37-3-101

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