

Suicide Prevention

The Wallingford Board of Education recognizes that suicide is a serious, complex issue that requires the collaborative efforts of all individuals responsible for the safety and well-being of the students. The Board also recognizes that while the general school staff may recognize potentially suicidal youth, it cannot make clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling but must refer the youth to an appropriate resource for such assessment and counseling and work closely with parents to provide support for the student.

Any school employee who has knowledge of an attempted suicide by a student or of a student's plan to commit suicide must take the proper steps to report this information to the building principal, a guidance counselor, a psychologist, or a social worker, who will notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family, and appropriate resource services.

This policy and its regulations will be reviewed with the professional staff at the beginning of each school year.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-221(e). Boards of education to prescribe rules.
46b-149. Family with service needs.

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