

5350 PUPIL SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Clementon Board of Education believes that the physical and mental well-being of all pupils must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement through the formal educational process. Since the incidence of pupil suicide is continuing to rise at an alarming rate, the Board wishes to assure that appropriate identification and intervention procedures are established and followed within the school district.

Although school personnel cannot be expected to treat the suicidal pupil, they can aid in the identification of pupils who are "at risk" and can intervene in order to connect these pupils and their families with treatment programs within the community.

All professionals in the school system are responsible for reporting pupils who have threatened suicide or who are potentially suicidal. No staff member shall hesitate to inform appropriate personnel when suicide is a possibility. Pupil confidentiality does not apply when the pupil threatens himself/herself or others.

A collaborative team consisting of the Building Principal, Vice Principal, Child Study Team members, school counselor, school nurse and other appropriate school personnel will be available for any suicide crisis.

A staff member may gain information from a variety of sources. The staff member must realize that any information conveyed through sources other than the individual is important and must be investigated. Any information concerning suicide or threats of suicide both in school and outside of school should be forwarded immediately through use of the procedures outlined by the Board.

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