Suicidal Students
Code: “Teachers, please turn in your GREEN folders at this time.”

Classroom teachers and staff are not typically trained to handle suicidal issues. **All staff MUST refer any suicidal students to a counselor, nurse, social worker, or assistant principal and NOT handle the situation alone.** Reassure the student that he/she is right for telling an adult and that there are school personnel who can help. The concerned student’s identity will be kept confidential. **Student safety is of the utmost importance.**

**Suicide Threat**
- Do not leave the person.
- Seek assistance immediately. (nurse, counselor, social worker, assistant principal)
- Listen to the student and take the threat seriously. Observe nonverbal behavior. Do not be sworn to secrecy and do not try to handle situation yourself.
- Do show your concern - tell the student you are always available to talk with him/her about issues that may be troubling him/her. Tell the student you are seeking assistance from other school personnel and that you care what happens to him/her.
- Do not make moral judgements - do not argue with the student, tell him/her how wonderful life is, lecture them, or discourage them from talking.
- Student’s parents/guardian will be contacted.
- Continue to monitor, observe, and express interest in the student after the crisis is past.

**Suicide Attempt or Immediate Danger of Suicide**
- Notify the principal or assistant principal.
- Nurse, social worker, counselor will be contacted by administration for immediate assistance until emergency professionals arrive.
- Principal will call 911 and implement Code GREEN procedures.
- Parents/guardian will be notified.
- District Superintendent will be notified.
- Staff should continue to monitor, observe, and express interest in the student after the crisis is past.

**Code: Green Procedures**
- Instruct students that there is a serious situation on campus and that they are not in immediate danger. Instruct them to be quiet and cooperative.
- Do not allow students to leave the classroom.
- Wait for further instructions.

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