

Senate Bill 204 (2019): Model Policy on Suicide Prevention

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NDE Requirements

Add to Model Plan for Crisis, Emergency, and Suicide Response (CESR plan) a procedure for:

- responding to a suicide or attempted suicide by making counseling and resources available to pupils and staff
- providing counseling and resources to pupils and staff who have contemplated or attempted suicide
- outreach to other people or organizations in the community (including religious or non-profit) that may be able to assist with response to a suicide
- addressing the needs of pupils who are at high risk for suicide (including list above) at a school that has experienced a crisis, emergency, or suicide

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LEA Requirements

The governing body of each district/charter and each public school shall:

- Post a link to the Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention
 - NRS 439.511: links to appropriate resource documents, suicide hotlines that are nationally accredited or certified, licensed professional personnel, state and local mental health agencies and appropriate national organizations
- Adopt a policy for the prevention of suicide for students in grades 7-12

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The policy adopted by each governing body must include:

- prevention of suicide and intervention with a pupil who is at risk of suicide
- procedures for outreach to people or organization in the community (including religious or non-profit) that may be able to assist with prevention/intervention
- required training on suicide prevention for teachers and pupils, including identification of:
- appropriate mental health services at school and in community and when/how to refer pupils and families to those services
- other people or organizations in the community (including religious or non-profit) that may be able to assist with response to a suicide

“Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention”

- Sample policy language, including:
 - Definitions, prevention, intervention
 - Parental notification and involvement
 - Re-entry procedure
- Commentary and resources, including:
 - At-risk student populations
 - Resources

“After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools”

Resources for postvention, including:

- Crisis response
- Helping students cope
- Working with the community
- Working with the media
- Memorialization
- Social media and suicide contagion
- Bringing in outside help

Questions

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