

**SUICIDE  
(Prevention and Intervention)**

The Rapid City Area School District recognizes the need for the district to be prepared for effectively dealing with situations surrounding the issue of suicide among its student population. It is the policy of the school district to:

- A. Train staff members in identifying students at risk.
- B. Train school administrators, counselors, psychologists, and nurses in crisis intervention.
- C. Encourage suicide prevention/self-esteem activities within curriculum areas.
- D. Cooperate with community agencies to provide support services to students and their families.
- E. Establish procedures for a school response in the event of a suicide to include protecting the privacy of the student's family, informing the staff and students, communicating with the media, and providing follow-up services.
- F. The board of education shall require procedure to address the following issues:
  - 1. The student who is potentially suicidal.
  - 2. The student who is identified as having committed suicide or suspected suicide off school grounds.
  - 3. The student who is identified as having committed suicide or suspected suicide on school grounds.
  - 4. Media guidelines.

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Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974