



Adopt Revision of Board Policy 5141.52, Suicide Prevention

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Revision of BP 5141.52

Suicide Prevention

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth ages 10-34 (Centers for Disease Control)
 - In Sacramento County over 20% of high school students report seriously considering suicide
- Knowing the warning signs for suicide and how to get help can help save lives
- Suicide prevention requires a comprehensive public health approach including education of our whole community (students & adults), stigma reduction, identification, crisis intervention and available resources.

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Suicide Prevention

- Education Code 215 mandates that the board of any district serving students in grades 7-12 adopt a policy on student suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention (i.e., intervention conducted after a suicide) with specified components.
- The current version of Board Policy 5141.52 was adopted in 2018 and has not yet since been revised.

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Suicide Prevention

- The proposed policy is intended to safeguard students and staff within the District against self-harm, suicide attempts, and deaths, and other trauma associated with suicide.
- Revisions comply with the language provided in Education Code 215 and serves students in grades TK-12.

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