NEW POLICY FOR SUSD

INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

School districts shall provide training in suicide awareness and prevention for school guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work with pupils in grades six through twelve (6-12). Each person who is required to obtain training shall complete that training at least once every three (3) years. The training must include the following:

A. Training in suicide prevention.

B. Training to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens.

C. Appropriate intervention and referral techniques.

The training prescribed above must use evidence-based training materials and may be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered by the School District or as part of professional development activities.

School personnel, entities or any other persons are not civilly liable for any actions taken in good faith pursuant to this requirement except in cases of gross negligence, willful misconduct or intentional wrongdoing.

Student Identification Cards

The District shall include at least one (1) of the following on each new identification card issued to a student in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

A. The telephone number for a national suicide prevention lifeline.

B. The telephone number for a national network of local crisis centers.

C. A statement describing how to access a text-based emotional support service.

D. The telephone number for a local suicide prevention hotline.

The District may include the information described by printing the information on, or by affixing a sticker that contains the information to, the identification cards.
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