Helena Public Schools 2140

## STUDENT INSTRUCTION

## Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training

The Board is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all District students. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop a program and associated procedures to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide. The District's suicide prevention program shall be consistent with federal and state law and guidance provided by the Office of Public Instruction.

The District will provide a comprehensive suicide education program within the context of approved curriculum. The District will provide training to administrators, support staff and other school staff in preventing, assessing the risk of, intervening in, and responding to students at risk of suicide. The training shall be made available annually, but employees working directly with students are required to participate in a minimum of two (2) hours of training every five (5) years. The training shall be provided at no cost to District personnel and shall be consistent with approved material provided by the Office of Public Instruction.

Legal References: MCA § 20-7-1310 Youth suicide awareness and prevention training

Cross References:

**Policy History:** 

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