

# PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SUICIDAL AND DEPRESSED  
STUDENTS

ADOPTED: September 13, 2010

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">819. SUICIDAL AND DEPRESSED STUDENTS</p> <p>The prevalence and epidemic increase in teenage suicide over the past decade has caused a reaction of alarm and deep concern in public schools on a national level. The district, recognizing its role in the total community's responsibility to address this important issue, has developed procedures that all staff members will adhere to when dealing with students at risk in situations that are life-threatening.</p> <p>If any district employee determines that a student is seriously depressed and/or planning suicide, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report any potential suicidal student to the appropriate counselor.</li> <li>2. If a counselor is unavailable, report to the building principal or designee.</li> <li>3. The counselor will interview the student immediately.</li> <li>4. If the student is considered to be at immediate risk, the following procedures shall apply:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Do not let the student alone. Call for help.</li> <li>b. Confidentiality no longer applies.</li> <li>c. Notify the building principal/designee.</li> <li>d. Principal will assemble appropriate and available Core Team members.</li> <li>e. Principal will be responsible for notification of parent/guardian.</li> <li>f. A member of the student assistance team will meet the parent/guardian upon arrival and provide the parent/guardian with assistance in contacting sources of help.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="492 285 1549 363">g. If no parent/guardian or relative is available, the principal/designee will be responsible for making a preliminary contact with Crisis Intervention.</li><li data-bbox="492 394 1549 510">h. The student assistance team shall contact the parent/guardian within two (2) school days after initial referral to determine if supportive services are adequate and will document such information.</li></ul> |
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