

## STUDENTS

### SUICIDE AWARENESS

The Board recognizes the increasing rate of self-destructive behavior and how physical and mental well-being relates to academic achievement. A student who experiences depression does not benefit fully from the educational program of the school. Moreover, a student who threatens or attempts suicide poses a danger to both self and possibly to others.

In incidents of potential self-destructive behavior the student's parent(s) or guardian shall be notified immediately and their cooperation shall be sought for immediate intervention. If the parent or guardian is unwilling to cooperate, the school administration shall contact appropriate agencies to request intervention on the student's behalf. In cases of child abuse or neglect, school staff are required to contact child protective services.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures to implement this policy and insure their dissemination to staff, students and parents.

Legal Reference:                      RCW 9A.36.060 Promoting a Suicide Attempt

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