

# Greendale Schools Student Suicide Referral Procedures

Ensuring the health and wellbeing of our students is paramount for Greendale Schools. The procedure outlined here is in place to prevent and respond to suicidal student behaviors. Each staff member has an ethical responsibility to take a proactive approach in preventing deaths by suicide.

Please read this information carefully and certify you have understood this information on the link provided. If you have questions regarding these procedures, contact your school principal, school pupil services team members or Greendale's Director of Pupil Services.

## Assessment and Referral for Potentially Suicidal Students

### **Procedures for in School Suicide Behaviors and Attempts**

During the school day or during school events, if a staff member becomes aware of a suicide attempt by a student that is in progress, *or may occur*, the staff member will:

1. School staff will ***continuously supervise*** the student to ensure their safety.
2. Notify Admin and/or Pupil Service staff ***immediately and directly. An in-person or voice call is required.*** Notification by Email or voicemail message is not sufficient.
3. The student will be seen by a Pupil Services Professional within the same school day and a suicide risk assessment will be conducted. If there is no pupil services team member available, a school nurse or administrator will fill this role until a pupil services team member can be reached.

### **Procedures for Out of School Suicide Behaviors and Attempts**

If a staff member becomes aware that a suicide attempt by a student is in progress, *or may occur*, in an out-of-school location, the staff member will:

1. Call the police and/or emergency medical services, such as 911 or 423-2121. (Greendale Police Department)
2. Inform school administration.