

STAMFORD ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Stamford, Connecticut
Governing Board Policies

Students

Policy Number: 5024

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Stamford Academy recognizes that suicide is a complex issue and that schools are not mental health treatment centers. School personnel may recognize a potentially suicidal youth and, in such cases, may make a preliminary determination of level of risk. Stamford Academy directs the school staff to refer students who come to their attention as being at risk of attempting suicide for professional assessment and treatment services outside of the school.

Stamford Academy recognizes the need for youth suicide prevention procedures and will establish programs to assist staff to identify risk factors, intervention procedures, and procedures for referral to outside services. Training will be provided for teachers and other school staff and students to provide awareness and assistance in this area.

Any school employee who has knowledge of a suicidal threat, attempt or ideation must immediately report this information to the School Director or his/her designee, who will, in turn, notify the CMO Domus Chief Clinical Officer. If necessary, they will contact the student's family and appropriate resources outside and within the school system. Information concerning a student's suicide attempt, threat or risk will be shared with others to the degree necessary to protect that student and others.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes §10-221(e)

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