

# Suicide Intervention Protocols

## A. Respond Immediately

- a. Report concerns or incidents to the administrator/school counselor/designee immediately or as soon as possible. Make direct contact with the administrator/School counselor/designee. **Do not leave a note in their mailbox, send an e-mail, leave a voicemail or wait until the end of the day to report concerns about a student at risk for suicide.**
- b. Ensure that any student sent to the office for assessment is accompanied by a staff member, not a student. **Do not leave the student unsupervised.**

## B. Secure the Safety of the Student

- a. Supervise the student at all times.
- b. **For immediate, emergency life threatening situations call 911.**
- c. If a student is agitated, unable to be contained or for immediate assistance, contact the School Resource Officer or law enforcement.
- d. District employees should not transport students exhibiting the behaviors noted above.
- e. Contact law enforcement to conduct a welfare check, as appropriate.

## C. Assess for Suicide Risk

- a. School counselor, school psychologist, administrator or other qualified/trained staff will conduct a suicide risk assessment (Columbia Risk Assessment).
- b. The student should be supervised at all times by another designated staff member.
  - c. Phone calls for consultation should be made in a confidential setting and not in the presence of the student of concern.
- d. For assistance and consultation, contact a school counselor, school psychologist, or the Department of Behavioral & Mental Health staff.
- e. Notify administration regarding your risk assessment to frontload if a parent and/or if the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) will need to be contacted. Please be aware that the CCRT is a voluntary service, and requires parent consent prior to engaging with the student.

**The privacy of all students should be protected at ALL times, disclose information only on a need to know basis.**