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Student Suicide Prevention

The public charter school shall develop a comprehensive student suicide prevention plan for students in 7th through grade 12^{1}.

The plan shall include, at a minimum:

1. Procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention and activities that reduce risk and promote healing after a suicide;
2. Identification of the school officials responsible for responding to reports of suicidal risk;
3. A procedure by which a person may request the public charter school to review the actions of the school in responding to suicidal risk;
4. Methods to address the needs of high-risk groups, including:
 - a. Youth bereaved by suicide;
 - b. Youth with disabilities, mental illness or substance abuse disorders;
 - c. Youth experiencing homelessness or out of home settings, such as foster care; and
 - d. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other minority gender identity and sexual orientation, Native American, Black, Latinx, and Asian students.
5. A description of, and materials for, any training to be provided to employees as part of the plan, which must include:
 - a. When and how to refer youth and their families to appropriate mental health services; and
 - b. Programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials.
6. Supports that are culturally and linguistically responsive;
7. Procedures for reentry into a school environment following a hospitalization or behavioral health crisis²; and

¹ {ORS 339.343(2) requires the plan for “students in kindergarten through grade 12.” If the public charter school does not serve all of these grades, consider amending this language.}

² “Behavioral health crisis” as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2510, means a disruption in an individual’s mental or emotional stability or functioning resulting in an urgent need for immediate treatment to prevent a serious deterioration in the individual’s mental or physical health.



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8. A process for designating staff to be trained in an evidence-based suicide prevention program.³

The plan must be written to ensure that a public charter school employee acts only within the authorization and scope of the employee's credentials or licenses.

The plan must be available annually to the community of the public charter school, including students, their parents and guardians, and employees and volunteers of the school, and readily available at the school office and on the school website.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 338.115](#)

[ORS 339.343](#)

[OAR 581-022-2510](#)

³ ODE will provide a list of available programs.