

Attempted Suicide and Suicide Response Protocol

Purpose

To address emergency situations where an individual may threaten or engaging/engaged suicidal behaviors during school hours.

Definitions

As used in this policy or protocols incorporated therein, the following terms are defined and will be adhered to as follows:

- **Suicide:** Death from an injury which is self-inflicted and by which the student intended to kill him/herself.
- **Suicidal Behavior:** Any potentially injurious behavior which is self-inflicted and by which a student intends, or gives the appearance of intending, to kill himself/herself.
- **Suicidal Ideation:** Any self-reported thoughts or feelings about engaging in suicidal behavior.
- **Suicide Plan:** A proposed method of self-inflicted injury through which the potential and intentional outcome is death.
- **Suicide Loss Survivor:** A person who has lost a family member, friend, classmate or colleague to suicide.

Suicidal Ideation – Threatening Behavior & Active Suicidal Behavior

Faculty/Staff Response:

- Contact Campus Police immediately (Click Campus Police).
- Attempt to communicate with the individual in a calm fashion until Campus Police arrive.
- Keep the individual in a supervised, safe location until campus police arrive.

Campus Police Response:

- Contact the Chief of Police or Acting Supervisor Immediately.
- Notify the Administration and provide the information received.
- Contact EMS if needed.
- Contact Comprehensive Crisis 24/7 Phone# (419-599-1660).
- If the individual is a student, The Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs.
- If the individual is a Faculty/Staff member, notify the Human Resources office to gather emergency contact information.
- Document every step of the intervention process.

Completed Suicide

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Campus Police Response:

- Contact the Chief of Police or Acting Supervisor Immediately.
- Contact Administration and direct the Command Center.
- Secure the Scene.
- Contact the Henry County Sheriff's Office. Phone# (419-592-8010) as well as EMD and the Henry County Coroner. Phone# (419-592-8783).
- Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement (Extension #1268) to deal with media.
- Request that the Sheriff's Office contact the Four County Loss prevention team.

Note: Trauma Counseling may be made available for those in need.