



# SCHOOL DISTRICT #49 (CENTRAL COAST)

## Administrative Procedures Manual

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### **Administrative Procedure: S-7 Protection for Suicidal Students**

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It is recognized that school personnel will, from time to time, become aware or receive reports of pupils contemplating or attempting suicide.

It is the expectation that school personnel to firstly provide for the immediate protection and support of the pupil and secondly, to inform parents/ guardians and to refer the pupil to his/her family doctor and/ or other community agencies for assessment and support.

Procedures to be followed upon recognition of a potential suicidal student

1. Generally, school personnel will become aware of students at risk through:
  - 1.1. report(s) by concerned friends or parents;
  - 1.2. observation by teachers or counselors;
  - 1.3. discussions during school classes; or
  - 1.4. contact by the community agencies where an investigation will be handled by MCFD. Relevant school personnel will provide immediate support and protection to the pupil.
2. The teacher or Principal must notify parents or guardians when there is reason to believe that a pupil is potentially suicidal.
  - 2.1. In the event of a youth in care, the Ministry of Children and Families will be notified.
  - 2.2. The only exception is when there is reason to believe that the pupil is suicidal because of abuse or neglect at home. In such cases, the teacher or Principal shall notify the Ministry of Children and Families who shall accept the responsibility of notification of parents or guardians.
3. District approved community agencies and/or the family doctor may be contacted for immediate assistance or referral. In the event of the unavailability of the above, the ambulance service or the RCMP will be contacted to assist in the transportation of the pupil to the emergency ward of the local hospital.
  - 3.1. Where applicable the Nuxalk Health and Wellness office will be notified.
4. School personnel will continue to provide in-school support to the pupil, the family and the referral agency.