

SUICIDE THREATS

(Priority 2)

DEFINITION: A student or staff person threatening harm to him/herself.

STEPS OF ACTION:

TEACHER/STAFF:

LISTEN. Allow the person to express feelings. Be non-judgmental. Show interest and support.

BE affirmative and supportive. Be strong.

ASK directly if individual is thinking about suicide.

DO NOT be misled if the individual admits seriously considering suicide and then makes light of the issue.

DETERMINE, if possible, the intensity or severity of the emotional disturbance.

NOTIFY office/Counselor.

OFFICE:

NOTIFY Parent/Guardian/Spouse.

NOTIFY FIA – Child Protective Services.

If suicide plan or intent is expressed, recommend Parent/Guardian take to local Emergency Room for possible mental health consult.