

## **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.