

# Banks School District 13

Code: **JHH**  
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## **Suicide Awareness and Prevention**

The district recognizes that childhood/adolescence suicide and suicidal tendencies are continuing problems within schools of the nation and students who experience depression or suicidal ideation may not benefit fully from the educational program. Therefore the Board directs the superintendent to initiate and establish a suicide prevention program through administrative rules to support this policy.

To ensure maximum effectiveness, the program will:

1. Involve the entire community;
2. Provide appropriate in-service programs for staff, students, parents, and community;
3. Respond to individuals in crisis;
4. Attempt to recognize those who are potentially suicidal;
5. Provide meaningful prevention and intervention strategies, which may include referral to outside agencies;
6. Provide procedures to deal with loss or post intervention strategies.

The program efforts shall attempt to improve the general mental health atmosphere of the district and place suicide prevention by the district and the community as a high priority.

Decisions regarding individuals or a group in crisis should be made through collaboration with appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or community support agencies.

In incidents of imminent danger to self, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified immediately and their cooperation shall be sought for immediate intervention, except in cases impacted by the child abuse laws of the State of Oregon. If the parent(s)/guardian(s) is unwilling to cooperate, the school administration shall contact appropriate agencies to request intervention on the student's behalf. In cases of child abuse or neglect, school staff are required to contact child protective services.

**END OF POLICY**

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Legal reference(s): ORS 418.756 Statewide Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan  
ORS 419b.010 Duties of Officials to Report Child Abuse