

STUDENTS IN CRISIS

The School Committees recognize that throughout the school year there may be several students who experience crisis situations. Because the school plays a major role in the lives of students, educators are in a strategic position to identify and help students in crisis. The Committees also recognize the intricate role of the family in the resolution of crisis situations and encourage clear and open communication between the school and the home.

For the purpose of this policy, a crisis is defined as an unexpected event which affects the entire school community (or broader population) or individual members within the school environment. It is any threatening or dangerous situation which involves the physical and/or emotional well being of the student(s).

Some examples of crises are the following:

- Suicide or suicidal gestures
- Death of relative, friend, classmate or faculty/staff member
- Serious injury of student or faculty/staff member
- Excessive violence
- Child abuse or neglect (Policy JLDBD)
- Disaster, as caused by fire, explosion
- Natural disaster, as caused by flood, hurricane, blizzard

All professional staff members should develop a thorough understanding of the School Districts' crisis procedures and to comply with them.