Purpose

The Board of Education (Board) supports any and all efforts for staff to intervene, support, and refer students to appropriate resources and help when a student has been identified as at risk for suicide.

Policy Statement

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) employees who are certificated and have direct contact with students shall complete annual training on student suicide risk, inclusive of understanding signs of suicide risk, appropriate responses, and identifying professional resources to help students in crisis.

For purpose of this policy, certificated employees include teachers, principals, assistant principals, school counselors, media specialists, pupil personnel workers, reading specialists, school psychologists, school social workers, and behavioral support specialists.