

# Revision to the Suicide Prevention Policy

**September 24, 2024**



# Required revision due to changes in the law by the CDE in 2023

- Revisions are highlighted in red
- Creation of a Suicide Prevention Team
- Training for the counseling team
- Awareness of resources

# Suicide Prevention Team members

The Director of Student Services leads the Suicide Prevention Team for DCP. Additional members of the Suicide Prevention Team include DCP employees:

1. The school based Social worker/counselor from each site.
2. The Educational Related Mental Health Service (ERMHS) counselor.
3. The principal or designed administrator from each site.
4. Student and parent representatives as available.

# Suicide Prevention Team

The functions of the SPCT are to:

1. Review mental health related school policies and procedures;
2. Provide annual updates on school data and trends;
3. Review and revise school prevention policies;
4. Review and select general and specialized mental health and suicide prevention training;
5. Review and oversee staff, parent/guardian, and student trainings;
6. Ensuring the suicide prevention policy, protocols, and resources are posted on the school website;
7. Identify resources and agencies that provide evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment;
8. Help inform and build skills among law enforcement and other relevant partners;  
and
9. Collaborate to build community response.

# Awareness of Resources

1. Charter School shall establish and widely disseminate a referral process to all parents/guardians/caregivers/families, so they are aware of how to respond to a crisis and are knowledgeable about protocols and school, community-based, and crisis resources.
2. Community-based organizations that provide evidence-based suicide-specific treatments shall be highlighted on the Charter School's website with treatment referral options marked accordingly.
3. Staff autoreplies during vacations or absences shall include links to resources and phone/text numbers so parents and students have information readily available.

# Our protocols and training

1. All staff trained every year through require modules.
2. Counseling team trained through specialized training.
3. Admin team trained in Spring 2024 to respond to a suicidal crisis or death by suicide.
4. September is Suicide Prevention month; The Wellness Team has facilitated activities at each site.