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**Note:** Resources on student [suicide awareness and mental health support](#)<sup>1</sup> can be found on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website.

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**Prevention and Intervention Programs for Student Mental Health**

In accordance with law, the District's policy and procedures must be included in the annual student handbook, and the District improvement plan.

The District shall implement the following programs to support the healthy mental, emotional, and behavioral development of its students:

- Early mental health intervention;
- Mental health promotion;
- Substance abuse prevention;
- Substance abuse intervention;
- Suicide prevention;
- Grief-informed and trauma-informed practices;
- Building skills related to managing emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and responsible decision making;
- Positive behavior interventions and supports and positive youth development; and
- Safe and supportive school climates.

These programs shall include training for appropriate District staff on:

- Recognizing students at risk of committing suicide, including students who are or may be the victims of or who engage in bullying;
- Recognizing students displaying early warning signs and the possible need for intervention; and
- Intervening effectively with students described above by providing notice and referral to a parent or guardian so appropriate action may be taken.

**Liaison**

The school counselor serve(s) as the liaison for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of assistance.

- Making a Report In accordance with the District's early mental health promotion and intervention, substance abuse prevention and intervention, and suicide prevention programs, District staff shall report to the liaison a student who may need assistance.
- Notice When the liaison receives a report that a student is possibly in need of assistance, the liaison will notify the student's parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student within a reasonable amount of time and provide information about available counseling options.
- Medical Screenings Only a student's parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under order of a court may consent to a medical screening. Unless prior consent has been given, no medical screening will be used as part of the process of identifying whether a student is possibly in need of assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> Texas Education Agency, Counseling and Mental Health Services of the Coordinated School Health Model:  
[https://tea.texas.gov/Texas\\_Schools/Safe\\_and\\_Healthy\\_Schools/Coordinated\\_School\\_Health/Counseling\\_and\\_Mental\\_Health\\_Services\\_of\\_the\\_Coordinated\\_School\\_Health\\_Model/](https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Safe_and_Healthy_Schools/Coordinated_School_Health/Counseling_and_Mental_Health_Services_of_the_Coordinated_School_Health_Model/)