

Policy Committee Meeting

January 13, 2025 5:45 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. 6.4081 Safe Relocation of Students

3. 6.415 Student Suicide Prevention

Marshall County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Safe Relocation of Students	Descriptor Code: 6.4081	Issued Date: 01/13/25
		Rescinds: 6.4081	Issued: 12/13/21

1 Employees who are directly responsible for a student's education or who otherwise interact within the
2 scope of their assigned duties may relocate a student from the student's present location to another
3 location when such relocation is necessary for the student's safety or the safety of others.¹ If relocation
4 is necessary, the process will comply with all special education laws. Such employees may also intervene
5 in a physical altercation between two or more students or between a student and an LEA employee.
6 Reasonable force may be used to physically relocate or intervene in a conflict if a student is unwilling
7 to cooperate.² **This policy is in effect on school property, as well as at official school-sponsored events,**
8 **including, but not limited to, sporting events and approved field trips that take place away from school**
9 **property.³**

10 If an employee is unable to resolve the matter with the use of reasonable or justifiable force as required,
11 the student shall be allowed to remain in place until such a time as local law enforcement officers or
12 school resource officers can be summoned to relocate the student or take the student into custody until
13 such a time as a parent or guardian can retrieve the student.

14 In the event that physical relocation becomes necessary, the employee shall immediately file a brief
15 report of the incident with the building principal. **The student is subject to additional disciplinary action**
16 **that may include suspension or expulsion from the school after the teacher files the report that is**
17 **required.⁴** If the student's behavior constitutes a violation of the Board's zero tolerance policy, then the
18 report shall be placed in the student's permanent record. Otherwise, the report shall be kept in the
19 student's discipline record, and not become a part of that student's permanent record. The principal or
20 the principal's designee shall notify the employee involved of the actions taken to address the behavior
21 of the relocated student.

22 The director of schools shall create procedures regarding the safe relocation of students consistent with
23 State law. Each building principal shall fully support the employees' authority under this policy and fully
24 implement the policy and procedures of the system.

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Legal References:

1. Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 77
2. TCA 39-11-603, TCA 39-11-609 to 614
3. **TCA 49-6-2802(b)(1)**
4. **TCA 49-6-2802(c)**

Cross References:

- Code of Conduct 6.300
- Interference/Disruption of School Activities 6.306
- Zero Tolerance Offenses 6.309
- Special Education Students 6.500

Marshall County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Student Suicide Prevention	Descriptor Code: 6.415	Issued Date: 01/13/25
		Rescinds:	Issued: 07/11/16

1 The Board is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all students and understands that
2 physical, behavioral, and emotional health are integral components of student achievement. Students are
3 strongly encouraged to report if they, or a friend, are feeling suicidal or in need of help. Students will be
4 provided information regarding The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

5 **PREVENTION¹**

6 All district employees shall attend either the annual in-service training in suicide prevention or
7 participate in other equivalent training approved by the director of schools. The training shall include,
8 but not be limited to, identification of risk factors, warning signs intervention and response procedures,
9 referrals, and postvention.

10 The director of schools shall identify a district suicide prevention coordinator responsible for planning
11 and coordinating the implementation of this policy. Each school principal shall designate a school suicide
12 prevention coordinator to act as a point of contact in each school for issues relating to suicide prevention
13 and policy implementation.

14 **INTERVENTION¹**

15 Any employee who has reason to believe that a student is at imminent risk of suicide shall report such
16 belief to the principal or designee. Belief that a student is at imminent risk of suicide shall include, but
17 not be limited to, the student verbalizing the desire to commit suicide, evidence of self-harm, or a student
18 self-refers.

19 Upon notification, the principal or designee shall ensure the student is placed under adult supervision.
20 Emergency medical services shall be contacted immediately if an in-school suicide attempt occurs. The
21 principal or designee shall contact the director of schools or designee as soon as practicable.

22 Prior to contacting the student's parent/guardian, the director of schools or designee shall determine if
23 there could be further risk of harm resulting from parent/guardian notification. If parent/guardian
24 notification could result in further risk or harm or endanger the health or well-being of the student, then
25 local law enforcement and the Department of Children's Services shall be contacted.²

26 If appropriate, the director of schools or designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian and provide
27 the following information:

- 28 1. Inform the parent/guardian that there is reason to believe the student is at ~~imminent~~ risk of
29 suicide;

- 1 2. ~~Assure the parent/guardian that the student is currently safe or~~ Inform the parent/guardian **if**
2 emergency medical services were contacted;
- 3 ~~3. Ask the parent/guardian whether he/she is aware of the student's mental state;~~
- 4 4. Ask the parent/guardian whether he/she wishes to obtain or has obtained mental health
5 counseling for the student;
- 6 5. Provide the names of community mental health counseling resources if appropriate.

7 The director of schools or designee will seek parental permission to communicate with outside mental
8 health care providers regarding a student. If the student is under the age of 18 and the parent/guardian
9 refuses to seek appropriate assistance, the director of schools or designee shall contact the Department
10 of Children's Services.²

11 The director of schools or designee shall document the **incident, including** contact with the
12 parent/guardian by recording:

- 13 1. The time, ~~and date~~ **and circumstances which resulted in the student coming to the attention of**
14 **school officials of the contact;**
- 15 2. ~~The individual contacted;~~ **A timeline of the specific actions taken by school officials;**
- 16 3. **The parent/guardian contacted, including attempts;**
- 17 4. The parent's/guardian's response; and
- 18 5. **Time and date of release of student to authorized individual.**
- 19 6. Anticipated follow-up **and safety plan.**

20 The director of schools or designee shall ensure the student is under adult supervision until a
21 parent/guardian or other authorized individual accepts responsibility for the student's safety.

22 Prior to a student returning to school, the director of schools or designee and/or principal shall meet with
23 the student's parent/guardian, and student if appropriate. The parent/guardian shall provide
24 documentation from a mental health care provider stating that the student has received care and is no
25 longer a danger to themselves or others. The principal will identify an employee to periodically check in
26 with the student to ensure the student's safety and address any problems with re-entry.

27 **POSTVENTION¹**

28 Immediately following a student suicide death, the Crisis Team shall meet and implement the Crisis
29 Management plan. At a minimum, the Crisis Management plan shall address the following:

- 30 1. Verification of death;
- 31 2. Preparation of postvention response to include support services;
- 32 3. Informing faculty and staff of a student death;
- 33 4. Informing students that a death has occurred;
- 34 5. Providing information on the resources available to students.

35 The Crisis Team shall work with teachers to identify the students most likely to be impacted by the death
36 in order to provide additional assistance and counseling if needed. Additionally, staff and faculty will
37 immediately review suicide warning signs and reporting requirements. The director of schools or
38 designee shall be responsible for all media inquiries.

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Legal References:

1. Public Acts of 2016, Chapter No. 623
2. TCA 37-1-403

Cross References:

News Releases, News Conferences and Interview 1.503
Crisis Management 3.203
Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-
bullying and Intimidation 6.304
Promoting Student Wellness 6.400
Student Wellness 6.411