

JGJA-R Suicide Prevention

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RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

The Cobb County School District (District) recognizes the importance of the health and welfare of students and staff. Therefore, the District shall provide to all certificated personnel annual training in suicide awareness and prevention in accordance with state law and rules established by the Georgia Department of Education.

RULE:

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to address at a minimum, suicide prevention efforts, intervention, and postvention. Such procedures shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts.

In accordance with state law, no person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of this policy or its implementing procedures or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by state law or this policy. The training, or lack thereof, required by the provisions of state law shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care. Neither the training nor the procedures are designed to impose ministerial duties but to provide a framework in which educators can exercise their professional judgment in the best interest of students.

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Legal Reference:

20-02-779.1 Suicide awareness training and prevention policy

Rule 160-4-8-.19 Suicide Prevention Training Requirement for Certificated School System Personnel