

# NORTHERN LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SUICIDE

ADOPTED: May 12, 1987

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	<p style="text-align: center;">819. SUICIDE</p> <p>1. Purpose The Board acknowledges their leadership responsibility in addressing epidemic adolescent dysfunctional and/or self-destructive behaviors which serve to block growth and learning in the young. The Board further acknowledges, in support of the State Board of Education Position Statement on Prevention of Teenage Suicide, the establishment of prevention programs and services within the Northern Lebanon School District which formally establishes a commitment to prevention as it is inextricably linked to the improvement of instruction.</p> <p>2. Authority In recognizing the Board's part in the total district's responsibility for adolescent dysfunctional and/or self-destructive behaviors, the administration shall propose, in conjunction with any other interested school or community entity, a definitive program and services plans which will allow appropriate public school intervention with such behaviors as child and adolescent: suicidal behavior, chemical abuse and dependency; physical abuse, sexual abuse; neglect; depression; defiance; truancy; pregnancy; anorexia nervosa, bulimia; school phobia; and school drop out.</p> <p>The Board invites the Northern Lebanon community, governmental, or private groups, other area Boards of Education, and Intermediate Units to publicly acknowledge collective problems and join forces to go forward to address what has clearly become a national priority. The Board believes that intervention can lead to prevention ... and prevention can lead to enhanced growth and learning on the part of <u>all</u> our students.</p>
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