

**6A-4.0010 ~~Continuing Education and Inservice Training Materials for Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention and Criteria for Suicide Prevention Certified Schools.~~**

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to set forth the suicide risk assessment instruments approved for use; to require that school districts and local community-based mental health services providers use the same instrument; to provide criteria for continuing education and in-service training materials covering youth suicide awareness and prevention; and to set forth criteria for Suicide Prevention Certified Schools.

~~(2)~~ Definitions.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) “School district” or “district” means a Florida school district, the Florida Virtual School (Section 1002.37, F.S.), the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (Section 1002.36, F.S.), and Developmental Research (Laboratory) Schools (Section 1002.32, F.S.).

~~(d)~~ “Suicide risk assessment” means an assessment conducted by a school-based mental health services provider or other licensed mental health professional to determine the level of suicide risk and plan of action for a student expressing suicidal ideation or suicidal intent.

(3) Use of Approved Suicide Risk Assessments.

(a) School districts must use Department-approved suicide risk assessment instruments in all district schools, per Section, 1012.583, F.S., and must adopt policies to ensure that all community-based mobile response teams use the same Department-approved instruments. Districts must consider addressing the use of suicide risk assessment instruments in contracts or interagency agreements with community-based behavioral health providers, pursuant to Section 1011.62(13)(b)2., F.S. Department-approved suicide risk assessments are posted at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/suicide-prevent.stml>.

(b) Only school-based mental health service providers who have been trained in the use of the instrument(s) adopted by their school district may give a suicide risk assessment to a student expressing suicidal ideation or suicidal intent. If a trained school-based mental health services provider is unavailable, school districts must adopt policies for contacting other certified or licensed mental health providers to evaluate students in the district for suicide risk, including the mobile response team serving the district.

(c) When a suicide risk assessment results in the initiation of an involuntary examination, public school principals, or their designees, are required to make a reasonable attempt to notify the student’s parent(s) before the

student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity, unless notification is delayed pursuant to Section 1002.20(3)(I), F.S.

(d) When a suicide risk assessment results in a change in related services or monitoring, a student's parent(s) must be notified as soon as possible, unless notification is withheld or delayed pursuant to policies adopted under Section 1001.42(8)(c)2., F.S.

~~(4)(2)~~ Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention In-service Training for K-12 Instructional Personnel.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Department-approved youth suicide awareness and prevention training materials.

1. A list of approved youth suicide awareness and prevention training materials is posted on the Office of Safe Schools website at <http://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/>; and Student Support Services website at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/>.

2. No change.

~~(5)(3)~~ Suicide Prevention Certified Schools.

(a) A Suicide Prevention Certified School must meet the following criteria:

1. No change.

2. The requirement for all instructional personnel to complete youth suicide awareness and prevention training is included in the district's continuing education or master in-service plan;

3. The school has at least two school-based mental health services providers that are qualified to conduct a suicide risk assessment using a department-approved ~~screening~~ instrument; and

4. The school or district has a policy requiring the use of an approved suicide risk assessment instrument administered by a school-based mental health services provider prior to requesting or initiating an involuntary examination due to concerns about a student's suicide risk. Department-approved suicide risk assessment instruments are ~~A list of approved suicide screening instruments is~~ posted on the Office of Safe Schools website at <http://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/>; and Student Support Services website at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/>.

(b) through (c) No change.