



## Suicide Prevention Information

Madison Consolidated School district staff recognizes that depression and self-destruction are problems of increasing severity among children and adolescents. A student who suffers the psychological disability of depression cannot benefit fully from the educational program of the schools, and a student who has attempted self-destruction poses a danger both to himself/herself and to other students.

All school personnel should be alert to the student who exhibits signs of unusual depression or who threatens or attempts suicide. Any such signs or the report of such signs from another student or staff member should be taken with the utmost seriousness. Members of the professional staff understand how to use an intervention procedure which includes stabilization, assessment of risk, use of appropriate risk procedure, communication with appropriate parties, and follow-up. Throughout any intervention, it is essential that confidentiality is observed at all times.

Here are some resources we have found helpful:

- [Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide](#)
- [Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training Program](#) - Requirement for New Teacher Licensure
- [Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents & Educators](#)

We encourage our students to be aware of their surroundings and check-in on friends. If someone notices something concerning, we encourage students to notify an adult for assistance.