

State School-related Suicide Prevention Education Programs
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State	Staff Education	Student Education	Other	Source
AL		Provides that, to the extent that funds are available, all school systems must implement 12 suicide prevention standards including recognizing signs of suicidal tendencies, informing students of available suicide prevention services, and promoting cooperation between school and community programs.	Requires local boards to adopt policies by July 2010 to prevent student harassment and suicide.	Student Harassment Prevention Act 2009
CA	<p>School districts may use part of their Professional Development Block Grant funding to pay for 2 hours of suicide prevention training for teachers.</p> <p>The Superintendent of Public Instruction may encourage each middle school, junior high school, and high school to provide suicide prevention training to each school counselor at least one time while employed as a counsel.</p>	The Superintendent of Public Instruction provides information on the availability of the suicide prevention curriculum developed by the California Department of Education.		<p>Education Code Section 41533</p> <p>Education Code Section 49604</p>

CO	Public school teachers may receive professional development credit for attending an in-service program on juvenile mental health issues, including awareness and prevention of youth suicide.			HB 1098 2006
CT	Local or regional boards of education will provide in-service youth suicide training for teachers, administrators and pupil personnel holding the initial educator, provisional educator or professional educator certificate.		Each local and regional board of education shall adopt a written policy and procedures for dealing with youth suicide prevention and youth suicide attempts	Public Act 89-168,
FL	<p>Suicide prevention training made a requirement for certification at the secondary level in 1990. Then all teachers got crisis management, including suicide prevention, as part of their orientation.</p> <p>Suicide prevention education can be used to fulfill professional development plans. Does not mandate training; free, online and in-person trainings can be used.</p>			SB 434/HB 1061 2011

IA			DOE to identify and disseminate information about intervention programs to students at risk for suicide	Iowa Code 2003 Merger Supplement Chapter 279 Section 50(3)
IL	Counselors, teachers and other personnel who work with grades 7-12 will be trained for at least 2-hours in suicide prevention and identification of warning signs and inter-vention and referral techniques			HB 4672 2010
KY	Principals, guidance counselors, and teachers to complete a minimum of two hours of instruction in suicide prevention each school year.	Public middle and high school administrators to disseminate suicide prevention awareness information to all middle and high school students by 9/1of each year.		SB 65 Amends KRS 158.070 2010 HB 51 Amends KRS 156.095 2010
LA	Requires in-service training for teachers, counselors, principals, and other administrators in suicide prevention.			HB 719 2008
MD	Teacher training in youth suicide prevention	Suicide prevention programs in Maryland schools involving class room instruction about warning signs of suicide and suicide prevention strategies.		Maryland General Assembly SJR7 and HJR47 1986 Annotated Code of Maryland §7-503

ME		Departments of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Human Services and Education will develop a model suicide prevention program to be presented in the secondary schools.		Maine Public Law 34-B § 3007
MI	The board of a school district or public school academy is encouraged to provide age-appropriate instruction for pupils and professional development for staff on warning signs and risk factors for suicide and depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide	Department of Education to make model programs and materials available to school districts and public school academies	If a school district or public school academy provides suicide prevention instruction, the board of the school district or of the public school academy shall notify the parents of all pupils of each school in which the instruction is provided.	Chase Edwards Law 2004
MN			Community-based programs to provide evidence-based suicide prevention and intervention education to school staff, parents, and students in grades kindergarten through 12.	Minnesota Statutes 2008 145.56
MO	The department of elementary and secondary education provides a 4-year competitive grant to fund teacher and administrator suicide prevention training.	The department of elementary and secondary education provides a 4-year competitive grant m to fund student suicide prevention programs.		Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 161 Section 161.235

MS	DOE requires annual in-service training for teachers and principals to include suicide prevention education to be developed by the State Department of Mental Health.			SB 2770 2009
ND			Report to legislative council on content standards for high school health education courses on suicide, other problems.	HB 1400 2010
NH		The State Board of Education provides youth suicide information to all schools to promote the delivery of appropriate courses and programs		Chapter 251 2008
NJ	The State Board of Education requires 2-hours of instruction in suicide prevention as part of professional development for teaching staff.	The Core Curriculum Standards in Health & PE includes suicide prevention instruction for elementary school, middle school and high school pupils.		A3931 2005
NV	The governing body of a regional training program may facilitate and coordinate access to information by teachers and administrators concerning issues related to suicide among pupils.			SB 36 2003

NY	NY Office of Mental Health and NY Assn. of School Psychologists piloted suicide awareness program among teachers, administrators, school psychologists, social workers and counselors.		“Sources of Strength” Project - Training for student Peer Leaders who conduct focused ‘peer-to-peer’ prevention activities in their school with adult mentoring	2006
OR	Department of Human Services issues “What Every Teacher Should Know about Suicide Prevention” brochure.			
RI	Daylong suicide awareness and prevention program for health educators, school nurses, psychologists, social workers, guidance counselors, administrators, and parents.	DOE prescribes suicide prevention awareness program for public school students in grades 9-12. School committees will provide incorporate the program in existing health education courses		Rhode Island GL 16-22-14
TN	Teachers and principals training of at least 2 hours of suicide prevention instruction each year			Jason Flatt Act of 2007
VT		Health curriculum to promote understanding of the signs of suicide risk in family or students, how to respond and seek help and provides an awareness of the available resources		HB 630 2006

WA		Since 2006, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has provided \$100,000/year for suicide prevention curriculum.	Superintendent of Public Instruction works with selected school districts to identify strategies for preventing youth suicide.	HB 1224
WI	Requires schools to educate students about suicide prevention using health curriculum.		State law protects school staff and volunteers from civil liability when trying to intervene in a student's possible suicide. School governing bodies yearly will inform staff of the resources available for suicide prevention.	Wisconsin Statute s. 115.365 2008

Sources:

Education Commission of the States, "Recent State Policies/Activities" Health-Suicide Prevention www.ecs.org
 Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN), "State Updates" State Legislation Reports www.spanusa.org
 Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC), "State Information" www.sprc.org
 State Government and Legislative Web Sites

Nota Bene: The Jason Foundation promotes legislation mandating high school teacher suicide training ("Jason Flatt Bills") and may have information on states with such requirements. Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide has on-line teacher suicide prevention CE courses that are accepted by some states. It may also be a source.

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