

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SUICIDE

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819. SUICIDE	
1. Purpose	<p>Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers in Pennsylvania. Recognizing the alarming increase in student depression/suicides, Northern Lehigh School District has developed the attached procedures to assist administrators and staff in dealing with students at risk. The procedures have been developed as part of the Student Assistance program. The primary focus of this effort will be the implementation of a referral process. Northern Lehigh School District will support all treatment efforts that contribute toward the safety and well being of students at risk.</p>
2. Authority	<p>Northern Lehigh School District recognizes that all school personnel should be alerted to the warning signs of childhood and adolescent depression/suicide. It is Northern Lehigh School District's belief that students at risk should receive the necessary help as quickly and professionally as possible.</p> <p>The primary responsibility of school personnel working with a depressed or suicidal student are support, parental contact and referral.</p>