

# JLDBA - Adolescent Suicide Awareness Program

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## SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND RESPONSE

The Board of Directors recognizes that suicide risk awareness and prevention is critically important to RSU 1 students, staff, and parents.

RSU1 will provide Gatekeeper Training in suicide awareness and prevention to meet the prescribed gatekeeper to student ratio outlined in LD609. Gatekeepers will conduct risk assessments and facilitate any necessary referrals to an outside mental health agency.

The Superintendent/ designee will develop and maintain protocols to address, at a minimum, suicide prevention efforts, intervention, and postvention, including counseling services after an incident of student suicide. Such protocols will be aligned with guidelines based on best practice, research-based training established by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine through its suicide prevention program.

Legal References: 20-A MRSA § 4502 (5-B); Resolves, Ch.38 (2018) ME. Dept. of Ed. Rule Ch. 38

Cross Reference: EBCA -- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

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