



SECTION III: STUDENT POLICIES 3290

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy shall provide district-wide training staff on a biennial basis addressing suicide awareness and prevention.

The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall develop and make available to school districts curriculum for staff which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without cost to the school districts. The course outline for the curriculum shall be made available to the public online through the school district website.

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, every school district shall:

1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes as a core element evidence-based approaches;
2. Provide the curriculum made available by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or
3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is selected by the school district from a list maintained by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and prevention. The training program may be combined with any other training provided by the school district addressing bullying prevention.

Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any civil liability for:

1. Calling the 911 emergency telephone number, law enforcement or the Department of Human Services if they believe a student poses a threat to themselves or others or if a student has committed or been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent act;
2. Providing referral, emergency medical care or other assistance offered in good faith to a student or other youth; or
3. Communicating information in good faith concerning drug or alcohol abuse or a potential safety threat by or to any student to the parents or legal guardians of the student, law enforcement officers or health care providers.