

M.S.A.D. #30
CRISIS RESPONSE

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The M.S.A.D. #30 school board recognizes that crisis situations can arise unexpectedly, yet require an organized and thoughtful response. Possible crisis situations could include suicide, natural disaster, death of a faculty member or student, rape, car or school bus accident, or threats of actual harm to students or staff from a source outside the school.

To facilitate the development of a Crisis Response Plan and to help carry out that plan, the school board authorizes the superintendent to create a Crisis Response Team to consist of the superintendent, district principal, building administrators/teachers, guidance staff, school medical personnel, and the superintendent's secretary.

The Crisis Response Team shall be assembled to create a specific but flexible Crisis Response Plan that will allow school officials to communicate accurate information to staff, students, parents, the media, and the community and to respond to any material, physical, and/or emotional needs that arise in a crisis situation.

The Crisis Response Plan shall include a means to evaluate the effectiveness of each instance that the Plan is used. An annual review of the policy shall be conducted to ensure that all aspects remain current.

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In the event that school personnel are informed of a Crisis, (as defined in the School Policy), the principal and/or the head teacher will assemble members of the School Crisis Response Team as soon as possible, to verify the circumstances and implement a plan for handling the situation.

SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Principal
Head Teacher
School Nurse
Teacher(s) who may be involved
Student, if necessary
Police Department, if necessary
Clergy, if necessary
Fire Department, if necessary

The Crisis Response Team will:

- I. Determine that a crisis or an emergency exists
- II. Headquarters - head teacher's office
- III. Spokesperson - principal/head teacher

Principal/Head Teacher:

- a. Notify the Superintendent of School's Office
- b. Notify clergy, if necessary
Notify police department, if necessary
Notify fire department, if necessary
- c. Notify parent/legal guardian/spouse/family member, if necessary
- d. Notify press, if necessary (Lincoln News, Bangor Daily News, television stations, and radio)

Principal/Head Teacher/Nurse:

- a. Notify staff members (assembled)
- b. Notify students (assembled), if necessary

Principal/Head Teacher/Nurse/Clergy/Other Staff:

- a. Provide counseling opportunities for pupils/staff to talk (individual or small groups), if necessary

DOES NOT NEED TO BE APPROVED AS PART OF THE POLICY