



## **Suicide Prevention Policy**

Following is Great Oaks Charter School Wilmington's Suicide Prevention Policy pursuant to the requirements set forth in 14 Del § 4124:

The Board of Trustees (Board) is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. The Board recognizes the serious nature of the problem of youth suicide, as it is the second leading cause of death ages 10-24 according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This policy supports federal, state, and local efforts to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; to establish methods of prevention, intervention, response to suicide or suicide attempt, and reporting procedures; and to promote access to suicide awareness and prevention resources.

As such, the Board commits to the following:

- Require that each school employee shall complete 90 minutes of training on suicide prevention annually. The training materials shall be evidence-based and developed and/or approved by the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families and the Department of Education. Any in-service training required by this section shall be provided within the contracted school year in accordance with the Delaware Department of Education.
- Ensure that Great Oaks Charter School's Child Study Team establishes a Suicide Prevention Committee, which will coordinate a suicide prevention program within the school and provide Suicide Prevention resources available as reference documents for all team members.
- Prohibit retaliation against an employee, AmeriCorps member, school volunteer, or student for reporting the warning signs of suicide.
- Establishment of a procedure for the confidential and anonymous reporting of the warning signs of suicide and for communication between school staff members and medical professionals who are involved in the treating of students for suicide issues.
- Inclusion of this policy in the student and staff handbook and on the website.
- Provide any policy changes to the Delaware Department of Education within sixty calendar days of implementation.

Adopted: 10/5/20

Board of Directors

Great Oaks Charter School- Wilmington