

1 **Charlo School District**

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Suicide Awareness and Prevention

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7 Professional Development

8 The District will provide professional development on youth suicide awareness and prevention to
9 each employee of the district who work directly with any students enrolled in the school district.
10 The training materials will be approved by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

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12 The District will provide, at a minimum, two (2) hours of youth suicide awareness and
13 prevention training every five (5) years. All new employees who work directly with any student
14 enrolled in the school district will be provided two (2) hours of training the first year of
15 employment.

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17 Youth suicide and prevention training may include:

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19 A. In-person attendance at a live training;
20 B. Videoconference;
21 C. An individual program of study of designated materials;
22 D. Self-review modules available online; and
23 E. Any other method chosen by the local school board that is consistent with professional
24 development standards.

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26 Prevention and Response

27 The Board authorizes the Administration and appropriate District staff to develop procedures to
28 address matters related to suicide prevention and response that:

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30 A. Promote collaboration with families and with community providers in all aspects of
31 suicide prevention and response;
32 B. Include high quality intervention services for students;
33 C. Promote interagency cooperation that enables school personnel to identify and access
34 appropriate community resources for use in times of crisis;
35 D. Include reintegration of youth into a school following a crisis, hospitalization, or
36 residential treatment;
37 E. Provide for leadership, planning, and support for students and school personnel to ensure
38 appropriate responses to attempted or completed suicides.

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40 No cause of action may be brought for any loss or damage caused by any act or admission
41 resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this policy or resulting from any training,
42 or lack of training, related to this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to impose a
43 specific duty of care.

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45 This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a regular basis.
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Legal Reference: § 20-7-1310, MCA Youth suicide awareness and prevention training
 ARM 10.55.720 Suicide Prevention and Response

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