

CRISIS INTERVENTION

The Laconia School Board's Policy on Crisis Intervention is designed to assist District staff in meeting a crisis or tragedy, which impacts students and staff, with minimal disruption to the educational process. A Crisis Intervention Team has also been established to manage and implement this policy and to provide optimum support for the students and staff in the event of such a crisis.

The Board presumes the school environment to be safe and supportive, one in which students and staff can express their grief and work out their feelings related to the crisis. This policy is applicable to a wide range of traumatic situations which may affect individuals and the community as a whole. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and the building Principals to decide when the policy will be implemented at the secondary level. Management and implementation of the policy at the elementary level is also the responsibility of the Superintendent and the building Principal(s) but is often isolated to the classroom or grade directly involved in the crisis. The policy is intended to help the District contend with, but not limited to, the following:

CRISIS ISSUES

- Dealing with grief at different levels.
- Providing reassurance to those individuals most affected.
- Providing support to teachers dealing with the crisis in the classroom.
- Identifying ways by which the Crisis Intervention Team may meet those needs.

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