

Board Policy

The Board of Trustees of the Shelley Joint School District No. 60 in compliance with the provision of Idaho Code 33-512(4): “To protect the morals and health of the pupils;” requires that any school employee having direct knowledge or evidence of any student contemplating or acting in such a manner as to convey any suicidal tendencies must immediately report that information to the building principal or supervisor.

Such information is to be provided to school and community mental health professionals, parents, and/or guardians and religious, medical or police officials as appropriate.

It is the responsibility of such mental health professionals to work in all reasonable ways to provide the parent/guardian options of services for modifying such behavior or attitudes.

Notwithstanding the provisions stated above, neither a teacher nor the district shall have a duty to warn of the suicidal tendencies of a student absent the teacher’s knowledge of direct evidence of such suicidal tendencies.

“Direct evidence” means evidence which directly proves a fact without interference and which in itself, if true, conclusively establishes that fact. Direct evidence would include unequivocal and unambiguous oral or written statements by a student which would not cause a reasonable teacher to speculate regarding the existence of the fact in question. It would not include equivocal or ambiguous oral or written statements by a student which would cause a reasonable teacher to speculate regarding the existence of the fact in question. (Idaho Code 33-512B(2))