

POLICY MEMORANDUM

No. I-100

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Policy

PURPOSE:

Missouri University of Science and Technology, hereafter the University, is committed to fully complying with the requirements of Senate Bill 52, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 173.1200. In recognition of the need to protect the health, safety and welfare of its community members, promote healthy development, safeguard against the threat or attempt of suicide among college aged students, and to address barriers to learning, the University hereby adopts this policy.

This policy corresponds with and supports other federal, state, and local efforts to provide suicide prevention education, early identification and intervention, and access to local resources that promote the health, safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and faculty.

It is hereby the policy of Missouri University of Science and Technology to:

- I. Advise students, staff and faculty on suicide prevention programs available on and off campus that includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Crisis intervention access, with information for national, state, and local suicide prevention hotlines;
 - b. Mental health program access, which provides information on the availability of local mental health clinics, student health services, and counseling services;
 - c. Multimedia application access, which includes crisis hotline contact information, suicide warning signs, resources offered, and free-of-cost applications;
 - d. Student communication plans, which consist of creating outreach plans regarding educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention; and
 - e. Post intervention plans, which include creating a strategic plan to communicate effectively with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a student to suicide.
- II. Advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior, and shall provide for training, where appropriate.
- III. Provide all incoming students with information about depression and suicide prevention resources available to students. The information provided to students shall include available mental health services and other support services, including student-run organizations for individuals at risk of or affected by suicide.
- IV. Make available, on the University's website, the information prescribed by subdivisions (a) through (d) of subsection (I) along with free-of-cost prevention materials or programs.
- V. Establish and maintain methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities that ensure that the identity of the reporting party remains unknown, except when criminal, civil, or administrative action is initiated regarding unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AND OVERSIGHT:

Establish oversight of this policy by the Vice Chancellor for Student Success with website information maintained by the Director of Student Well-Being.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

RESPONSIBILITY: Vice Chancellor for Student Success

BASIS: To comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 52, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 173.1200.



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