

## **CRISIS TEAM**

### Purpose/Definition

The Crisis Team's purpose is to plan and implement a specific but flexible intervention when an acute crisis occurs that affects our school community. Crises such as student death (suicide, accident, terminal illness), Mt. Blue Regional School District staff death, life threatening situations, natural disasters and school bus accidents are ones to which the Crisis Team may respond.

The intervention plan will facilitate the process of communication – accurate and relevant information from school officials to staff, students, parents, the media and community. The intervention plan will, when appropriate, address the specific emotional needs of the students and staff.

The Team will also be involved in issues and situations around student suicide. These include evaluations of suicidal intent, referral, follow-up, suicide prevention, and post-suicide interventions.

The Team is not a long-term treatment/therapy provider. The Team does not take the place of community resources (hospital, social service agencies, mental health agencies) or in-school resources (student assessment teams, support groups, etc.).

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