

Revised Public Notice
June 5, 2024

AMENDMENTS TO CHANCELLOR’S REGULATION A-755—
SUICIDE PREVENTION / INTERVENTION

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Chancellor’s Regulation A-755 contains detailed information about supporting students who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, and about how schools must respond in the case of a suicide or suicide attempt in or affecting the school community.

The proposed amendments will revise the prior version of the regulation in the following respects:

The overall order of the regulation has been reorganized for clarity and ease of understanding.

The documents and materials attached to the end of the regulation have been replaced by hyperlinks to materials.

The substance of the regulation has been modified as follows:

Section I:

- Updates background information on suicide prevention. (I.A.)
- Adds that the goal of suicide prevention is to educate school communities on suicide warning signs and factors that may contribute to suicidal behavior. (I.B.)
- Explains that this regulation provides guidance and resources for schools to understand warning signs and appropriate responses to suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, or related crises. (I.C.)
- Clarifies that schools may not request or require a mental health clearance letter as a condition of a student attending or returning to school or impose additional conditions on the student’s return to school. (I.D.)

Section II:

- Adds a definitions section and defines key terms.

Section III:

- Updates the guidance on who must serve on the School Crisis Team, including adding the requirement that School Crisis Team members must be full-time at the school. (III.B.)
- Requires that each principal must designate a Suicide Prevention Liaison (SPL) and defines the SPL’s role. (III.D.)
- Updates the responsibilities of the School Crisis Team. (III.E.)
- Adds requirement for School Crisis Team meetings. (III.F.)

Section IV:

- Adds detail on the school’s Crisis Intervention Plan. (IV.A–B.)
- Cross references C.R. A-411 for additional requirements related to the Crisis Intervention Plan. (IV.D.)
- Adds detail on what the suicide prevention/intervention section of the Crisis Intervention Plan must include. (IV.E.)

Section V:

- Clarifies timing and requirements for annual training on this regulation. (V.A.1.)
- Adds requirement that SPLs receive annual Suicide Prevention Liaison Training. (V.A.2.)
- Specifies required training for School Crisis Team members. (V.A.3–4.)
- Details the resources that will be made available for parents, families, and school communities. (V.B.1–3.)
- Clarifies that schools are required to provide health education to all students, in an age-appropriate way, including instruction in mental health. (V.B.4.)

Section VI:

- Updates the steps that must be taken whenever school personnel have knowledge or are made aware of a student who may be at risk for suicide. (VI.C.)
- Updates the steps that must be taken when school personnel are informed of a suicide attempt in progress on school premises. (VI.D.)

Section VII:

- Adds detail to the postvention steps to be taken following a suicide in or affecting the school community.

Section VIII:

- Adds requirement that principal/designee contact the emergency information center (EIC) whenever a suicide or attempted suicide at or affecting the school community takes place. (VIII.A.1.)
- Clarifies requirement to complete an Online Occurrence Report (VIII.B.)

Section IX:

- Updates contact information for technical assistance.

Section X:

- Updates contact information for inquiries.

II. Changes in response to public comment

No public comments have been submitted.

III. Summary of all public comments received since the initial public notice was posted.

No public comments have been submitted.

IV. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The full text of the proposed amendments to the regulation can be found on the main page of the website of the Panel for Educational Policy:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/panel-for-education-policy>.

V. Name, office, address, email, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable about the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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Written comments may be submitted via the email address listed above. Oral comments may be submitted via the phone number listed above.

VI. Date, time, and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

July 24, 2024, at 6 pm

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