

POLICY

CRISIS INTERVENTION

The Holmdel Township Board of Education believes the physical and mental well-being of all pupils must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement through the formal educational process.

GOAL:

Crisis Intervention is perceived to be invoked at times of a district and/or school crisis in which student, staff, or community events dictate that mental health services personnel must act. Generally, these events include suicide (threats, ideation, attempts, single or multiple); violent assault (on school property, at school activities); serious accidents generally with wide range impact to student body (at school, on school property, at school activities, on school transportation vehicles); and natural disasters generally with wide range impact to student body (on school property, at school activities, in local community).

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

- To determine and make threshold decisions in order to direct and/or locate appropriate services and resources.
- To assist in the control of reaction responses of the student body in order to prevent further deterioration.
- To provide guidance and support to the staff during a crisis.
- To assist administration in the management and maintenance of school routine during a crisis.
- To provide short-term guidance and counseling to affected persons within the scope of Board authority and locus of control.
- To facilitate and control communication with students, staff, parents and media.
- To provide other assistance as directed by the Superintendent.

The Board directs the Superintendent, in cooperation with school personnel and community agencies, to design regulations for the implementation of this policy and to establish a school-community Crisis Intervention Team to coordinate activities in the event of a crisis.

