

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY

Section:	Students	Office Responsible:	Special Services Safety and Security
Policy:	5148 Crisis Response Policy		
Related Policies:		Administrative Procedure:	

I. Purpose

To implement a coordinated response plan to school-connected traumatic events that provides children with adequate access to mental health support.

II. Authority

Delaware Code, Title 14, Chapter 38, Subchapter 2

III. Definitions

IV. Policy Statement

- I. The Smyrna School District shall provide a coordinated response to school-connected traumatic events that includes access to mental health support. A school-connected traumatic event is defined as the death of any student, educator, administrator, or other building employee of a public school.
- II. The District will establish and implement a crisis response plan that includes:
 1. A district crisis response team with a defined composition and role in a school-connected traumatic event.
 2. Procedures for the verification of the school-connected traumatic event and the determination of response level necessary from the crisis response team.
 3. Procedures for the assessment of the school-connected traumatic event's impact on students and educators, the identification and referral of students that are most impacted by the event, and the coordination of required grief counseling and crisis response services.
 4. Evaluations for further continued support after the expiration of thirty days of grief counseling funded by the Department of Education, as described in the next section.
 5. Procedures for determining the appropriate amount of information to release about the event and how to disseminate this information to students, faculty, and staff.

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6. Policies providing behavioral health support for crisis response team members involved in the response to a school-connected traumatic event.
7. This policy was developed in compliance with state regulations in collaboration with the District's Safety and Crisis Response Team.

Board Approval Acknowledged by:



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Smyrna School District Board of Education

Policy Actions

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