



SB1468 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Trainings FAQ

What is SB1468?

SB1468, also referred to as the Mitch Warnock Act, is a senate bill sponsored by Representative Sean Bowie that was signed into law in May 2019. The law requires that school personnel receive a suicide prevention training to help identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in their students and apply appropriate intervention and referral techniques.

The bill states: "Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, school districts and charter schools shall provide training in suicide awareness and prevention for school guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work with pupils grade six through twelve. Each person who is required to obtain training pursuant to this section shall complete that training at least once every three years"

To view the entirety of SB1468, please click [here](#).

Are all public schools required to have their educators complete a suicide prevention training?

By July 1, 2020 all public charter and traditional district employees that serve grades six through twelve are required to complete the suicide prevention training within three years. For example, if an educator completes their suicide prevention training in May 2022, they will have met the requirement to complete a suicide prevention training in that 3-year period.

Who is required to complete this training?

Any guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work for a traditional school district or charter school are required to complete a suicide awareness and prevention training.

School personnel includes all classified staff who have consistent contact with students in grades six through twelve. This can include, but is not limited to, classified staff who work in transportation, custodial services, food services, front desk, coaches, afterschool care or as paraprofessionals in the classroom.

What suicide awareness and prevention trainings are available to educators under SB1468?

As outlined by SB1468, all suicide prevention and awareness trainings must use evidence-based training materials. The following evidence-based trainings have been selected and are available through AHCCCS:

- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Kognito At-Risk for High School Educators
- Youth Mental Health First Aid



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- SafeTALK
- ACT on FACTS (updated version of the school-based suicide awareness program “Making Educators Partners in Suicide Prevention”)
- More Than Sad: Suicide Prevention Education for Teachers and Other School Personnel
- Be a Link! Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Who is responsible for keeping track of educators who have completed their suicide awareness and prevention training?

It is the responsibility of the school district or charter to maintain accurate records of trained personnel. School guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel are responsible for maintaining proper documentation of their certification of completion of a suicide prevention and awareness training. Like a fingerprint clearance card, these educators should maintain a personal copy of their certification as well as provide their district with a copy.

I don't believe my child's school is requiring their educators to complete a suicide awareness and prevention training. Who do I contact?

All questions about school-specific policy surrounding suicide awareness and prevention trainings should be directed to your local school, their administration, and their school board.