

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
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POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
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**STUDENT WELFARE
(Students at Risk)**

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Wyoming State Board of Education's School Accreditation Standards, Section 11 which provides that the district shall have policies and procedures for every school in the district to identify and intervene with at-risk students.

The District has a moral obligation to make a good faith effort to identify students at risk and to intervene when possible with students in an effort to help them with their problems to minimize the risk of failure. However, the District realizes that it is impossible to identify all students who are at risk, and does not by the adoption of this policy, intend to assume any legal responsibility or liability for identifying and intervening with at risk students, but only to make a good faith effort to do what it can to help students that can be identified as at risk.

Section 2. Definitions

1. At-Risk Students: School age individuals who are likely to experience economic, social, or academic failure because of social, or family conditions, or at-risk behavior.
2. Identification: To recognize through measurable observation that a problem exists which, if not corrected may result in economic, social, or academic failure.
3. Intervention: Action initiated to find and apply solutions to problems which are causing or will cause a student to be at-risk.

Section 3. Identification

Most at-risk behavior is observable and can be identified by staff members, parents, or students, through observation of the students personality, attitude, or relationships with fellow students and with the staff.

Section 4. Intervention

1. The principal of each school in the District shall establish a Screening Committee to provide a formal mechanism when help is needed in working with at-risk students. Staff members, parents, or others may initiate the process by submitting a referral to the school principal.
2. The School Screening Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. identifying at-risk students .
 - b. establishing intervention procedures for at-risk students such as:
 - 1) Instruction directed at the prevention of the at-risk behavior;
 - 2) Referral for other in-district services such as
 - i. Testing to determine if a handicapping condition exists;
 - ii. counseling;
 - iii. tutoring;
 - vi. other appropriate assistance

- c. Referral for community agencies;
 - d. Referral to an Alternative School.
3. The School Screening Committee shall be composed of at least:
 - a. the school principal
 - b. The regular classroom teacher(s) of the student
 - c. The School's Counselor
 - d. Others as determined by the principal
4. The school principal shall chair the School Screening Committee and shall be responsible for all communication to the parent(s) concerning committee activities in regard to the child.
5. A student for whom Big Horn County School District Number One has a legal obligation to provide educational services, whether currently enrolled in the regular educational programs of the District or not, who is at-risk, or who is suspected of being at-risk, shall be identified and referred only through the School Screening procedures.
6. Any intervention procedure which will require payment of District Funds to out-of-district agencies or individuals must be approved in advance by the superintendent.

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