



NORTHWEST
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM EDUCATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy Name:	Suicide Prevention Program Education Policy and Procedure
Effective Date:	August 15, 2017
Responsible Office:	Wellness Services/Student Affairs
Category:	Student Life

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students, faculty, and staff at Northwest are educated regarding the suicide prevention programs available to them, both on and off campus.

II. Policy

Northwest Missouri State University (Northwest) will provide information regarding mental health and suicide prevention resources available on and off-campus to all students, faculty, and staff. In particular, incoming students will receive this information upon matriculation, which will include information pertaining to student-run organizations that may benefit individuals at risk of or affected by suicide. The information provided will include procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior, and will explain the training opportunities/programs that are available. A comprehensive list of these resources, trainings, and programs is available at <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/wellness/hope>.

Northwest will also maintain methods of anonymous reporting of unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities. Northwest's University Police Department monitors anonymous reports 24/7 through their Report a Concern electronic form, available at <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/police/forms/reportconcern.htm>. The University Police Department is also available by phone on a 24/7 basis, at (660) 562-1254. In the case of an emergent situation, please contact University Police or call 911 immediately.

Northwest also utilizes other anonymous reporting systems that are not monitored continuously, and are not to be used for emergent situations, or situations involving suicide or the threat of suicide. These systems include Maxient, Northwest Success 360, and Northwest's interdisciplinary Behavioral Intervention Team.

This policy will be housed online in Northwest's Policy Library – <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies>.