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Background/Purpose:

The Board recognizes its responsibility to the Aurora School community to provide crisis response, and trauma-informed practice, when there are significant school or community events that could negatively impact the mental health and wellness of students and school staff.

Policy Statement:

The Board will make reasonable efforts to ensure that crisis management plans commensurate with the needs of Aurora Academic Charter Schools are developed.

Aurora School Principals, in consultation with the Superintendent, are directed to develop a Crisis Intervention Activation Guide that anticipates the most probable circumstances of crisis and pre-plans training and response procedures to be followed to minimize harmful or negative effects of the crisis.

Definition

1. *Crisis*

For the purposes of this policy statement, the word “crisis” is defined as any unusual situation, falling under or impinging on the jurisdiction of the school that could interfere with the social-emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff.

Guidelines:

1. Minimizing risk and limitation of harm are fundamental considerations when developing a Crisis and Trauma-Informed Management Plan.
2. Safety considerations for classes, school-related activities, buildings, and events are part of crisis management.
3. The existence of a Crisis Management Plan does not preclude the use of professional judgment to modify the plan when it is warranted.
4. The Board will promote a culture within the school that encourages consistent consideration for the safety and well-being of students and staff in the creation and implementation of all plans, policies and procedures.

Accountability:

School Principals

Superintendent will oversee Crisis Policy on a five year cycle or sooner if needed.

References:

AR 3700 Crisis Policy (under development)