

**DISD PROTOCOL FOR SUICIDE THREAT****FFB-R2**

The role of the school and school staff in addressing the threat of suicide in the school setting is that of liaison. When a student communicates a threat of suicide, either written or verbal, to a school staff member, the counselor shall make the following decision – Does the situation warrant reporting to CPS? Yes - follow Protocol A No – follow Protocol B

**Protocol A**

1. Report incident to CPS.
2. The Dumas ISD Police Department will be notified immediately following report to CPS.
3. The student will not be left alone for any reason until an officer arrives. The student may be taken to the counselor's office or principal's office until the officer arrives.
4. The Dumas ISD police officer will take the student into protective custody.
5. The parent or guardian will be notified as soon as possible.
6. The Dumas ISD police officer will transport the student to the Moore County Hospital Emergency Room for a medical evaluation.
7. The Dumas ISD police officer will transport the student to Northwest Texas Hospital if the student is to be committed for treatment.
8. If the student is not to be committed for treatment, the student will be released into the custody of the parent or guardian.

The Protocol for Suicide Threat Complies with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure  
Art. 6.05. *Duty of peace officer as to threats*

**Protocol B**

1. Notify parent or guardian, complete notification of Emergency Conference form and release student to parent/guardian custody.
2. Dumas ISD Police shall not be notified!

**NOTE:** Family privacy right must be protected. The school must restrict the flow of any information that may be harmful to the parent/guardian or other children in the family.  
(34 CFR §99)