

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on January 23, 2026, by and between:

Hopkins County Health Department

412 N. Kentucky Avenue

Madisonville, KY 42431

and

Hopkins County School System

320 Seminary Street

Madisonville, KY 42431

Purpose

This MOU is to outline the mutual understanding between the parties regarding the presentation of the program *Improving Suicide Literacy Among Middle School Adolescents*.

The purpose of this program is to implement and evaluate a school-based suicide prevention education program for middle school students. The goal is to increase student knowledge, awareness, and confidence in recognizing and responding to signs of suicide risk among peers.

Expected Outcomes

1. Improve students' knowledge of suicide warning signs and risk factors.
2. Increase awareness of available mental health resources.
3. Strengthen confidence in seeking help for self or peers.

Project Design and Methods

Setting: West Hopkins

- **Participants:** 6th–8th grade students who receive parental consent and provide assent.
 - **Intervention:** A 30-minute interactive educational session led by a registered nurse.
 - **Instruments:** Literacy of Suicide Scale - SF
 - **Data Collection:** Surveys will be administered on paper with no identifying information collected.
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- Participation will be voluntary.
 - Parental consent and student assent will be obtained prior to participation.
 - Surveys will not include names or identifying information.

Roles and Responsibilities

Each party agrees to perform the following roles and responsibilities:

A Hopkins County Health Educator/Registered Nurse will provide a pre-test, educational session and post-test to middle school students. The Hopkins County Health Department will maintain liability and worker's compensation for the educator. The Hopkins County School System agrees to provide access to students so they may attend the program.

Duration

This MOU will commence on January 23, 2026 and will remain in effect until May 30, 2026 or until replaced by a formal contract, whichever comes first.

Confidentiality

Both parties agree to maintain confidentiality of any proprietary or sensitive information shared in connection with this MOU.

Non-Binding Nature

This MOU is not intended to create any legal obligations unless expressly stated otherwise in writing by both parties.

Governing Law

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Signatures

Dennis Beach
Hopkins County Health Department

Date 1/26/2020

Hopkins County Schools

Date _____