

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

REGULATION SERIES 500 - STUDENT PERSONNEL

R 504 STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

R 504.8 Critical Response

This Regulation provides specific direction for the critical response to emergencies involving students.

1. Schools should be familiar with critical incidents plans in order to respond to incidents such as natural disasters, sudden death, suicide, bomb threats, violence, serious accidents which occur both on and off the school grounds and which may adversely affect students. The plans include the district Tragic Events Plan, Responding to Critical Incidents: A Resource Guide for Schools, Bomb Threats.
2. Critical Incidents Teams and contacts should be developed at the district, school and community level in accordance with the plans.
3. Critical Incidents plans should be reviewed on a regular basis and appropriate inservice and training provided as needed.
4. District officials should be notified as soon as possible by the principal when a critical incident has occurred.
5. The district support resources, school psychologists and counsellors will be mobilized to assist schools as needed. Health and social workers will be obtained as needed through school principal/district contact.
6. School and district Critical Incidents Response Teams will monitor the situation and continue to provide assistance to students and staff.
7. Critical Incidents follow-up should take place to assess the handling of the incident and consider recommendations for improving the plan.