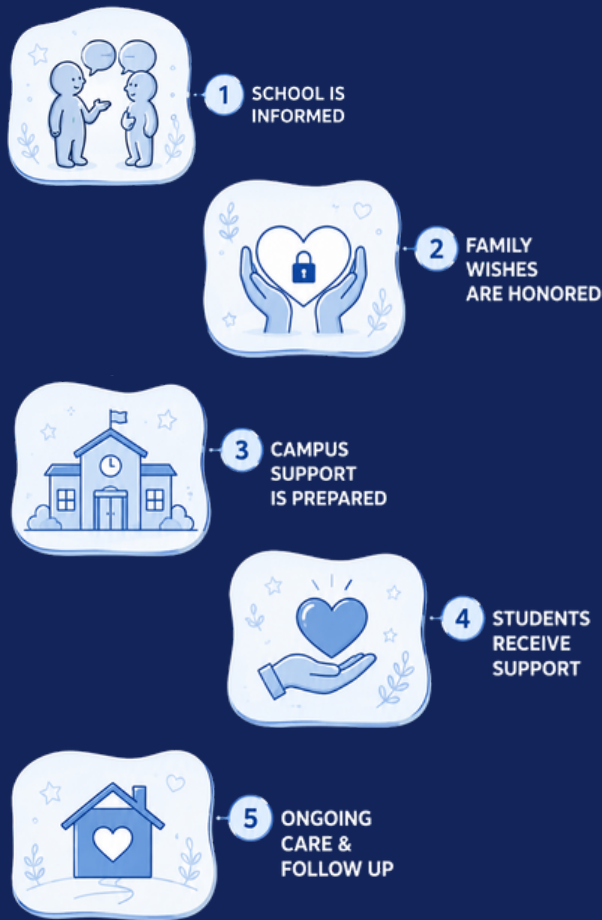


SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

The loss of a student or staff member deeply affects our entire school community.

During these difficult times, our priority is to support students, staff, and families with compassion, respect, and care while honoring the wishes of the family who experienced the loss.



FAQs

Why doesn't the school share all of the details?

Out of respect for the family, the school only shares information the family has given permission to communicate. This helps protect their privacy while ensuring the school community receives accurate information.

How will students be notified in an age-appropriate manner?

The School Counselor, a trained mental health professional, will work closely with school staff to ensure information is shared with students in a way that is developmentally and age appropriate. Students will be given opportunities to ask questions and receive support. Parents will also be informed so they can prepare to support their child at home.

How will the school identify students or staff who may be most affected by the loss?

School staff build strong relationships with students and often know which students may be most affected, including close friends, classmates, teammates, or students who had a strong connection with the individual. Parents also play an important role in this process. If you believe your child may be significantly affected, please reach out to the school so we can partner together to provide support.

Why is my child meeting with a different school counselor?

Following the death of a student or staff member, additional school counselors may be assigned to the campus, so support is available to all children. This means your child may meet with a different counselor than usual.

If additional individualized support is recommended, the school counselor will communicate with you and ensure the appropriate parent consent is on file before services are provided.

Will I be provided with resources if my child needs additional support or a referral for services?

Yes. Families will receive information on ways to continue supporting their child at home, along with a list of community resources and external support services if additional care or a referral is needed.

What if I did not provide consent for services at the beginning of the school year? Can I change that decision?

Yes. Consent can be updated at any time to ensure your child receives the support they need. Please contact your campus School Counselor for more information about updating your consent preferences.

How can I support my child at home?

Encourage your child to talk about their feelings, maintain familiar routines, and let the school know if you notice changes in their mood, behavior, or ability to cope. Your partnership helps us provide the best possible support.



SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFTER A LOSS

WHAT FAMILIES CAN EXPECT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER

What We'll Do

School Is Informed:

The principal connects with the family and honors their wishes regarding what information is shared.

A Support Plan Is Prepared:

District and campus leaders work together to prepare emotional and mental health supports.

Support Begins at School:

Additional school counselors may be available so students can receive support when they need it.

Ongoing Support Continues:

Support continues after the initial response. All children have access to schoolwide supports, such as classroom check-ins and opportunities to connect with a school counselor if needed. If it is determined that your child would benefit from additional individualized support, the school counselor will work with you to schedule those services. Families may also receive updates about the supports provided to their child. Before any individualized counseling services are provided, the school will verify that the appropriate parent or guardian consent is on file. If you are unsure whether you have provided consent or would like to update your child's consent, please contact your school counselor.

Our Commitment

- Respecting the wishes and privacy of the family experiencing the loss.
- Providing compassionate support for students and staff.
- Partnering with families throughout the grieving process.
- Connecting students and families with additional resources when needed.



What You Can Do

- ♥ Check in regularly.
- ♥ Encourage open conversations.
- ♥ Maintain familiar routines.
- ♥ Let us know if you notice changes.
- ♥ Reach out to your school counselor if you have concerns.

How You Can Continue to Help

You are an important part of your child's support system.

Grief looks different for every person. Some children may want to talk immediately, while others may need more time. If you notice changes in your child's emotions, behavior, or ability to cope, please let your school counselor know.

Our goal is to provide the right level of support while partnering with you every step of the way.