When we feel a student is in immediate danger we call parents.  Sometimes we'll call the local mental health provider and ask for an immediate eval.  We've taken kids there if needed and had the parents meet us.  In this case, we typically have our resource officer take them.

If a parent would happen to decline then we have taken them to the hospital and/or said we would need to file a CHINS against them (Child in Need of Services) with DCS.

We have a parent/guardian pick the student up and encourage the parent to take student to their family doctor or the emergency room for an assessment.

If a student or adult shares that they are concerned about another student making suicidal statements, I meet with that student and do an assessment (e.g,, how often do you think about it, have you ever tried to kill yourself in the past, do you have a plan, how specific is the plan, do you have weapons at home, etc). I call parents and inform them and depending on the risk- if they have a plan and the means, I tell the parents that they must take them to the local ER for an evaluation. If the parent is non-supportive in that matter I will have our building officer drive them there and tell the parent that they can meet the officer and student there.

I found this site to be a great resource:  <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/nomenclature.asp>

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| [Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention - MIRECC/CoE](https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/nomenclature.asp)www.mirecc.va.govAttention A T users. To access the menus on this page please perform the following steps. 1. Please switch auto forms mode to off. 2. Hit enter to expand a main ... |

They sent me resources to use, and I just make copies of the assessment portion to use for documentation purposes for each student.  If the results are a yes to “self-directed violence,” I notify the parent/guardian and suggest formal assessment.

We are currently working on this as well.  For the risk assessment, I think we are settling in on this: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Suicide-Risk-Assessment-C-SSRS-Lifeline-Version-2014.pdf>.  It’s customizable and seems pretty thorough.  We’re still working on process, etc.

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| [COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE (C-SSRS)](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Suicide-Risk-Assessment-C-SSRS-Lifeline-Version-2014.pdf)suicidepreventionlifeline.orgColumbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) The Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) is a questionnaire used for suicide assessment |