

## Jason Flatt Training Information

A new state law requiring training in suicide prevention for middle and high school certified employees took effect last year. *Section 59-26-110 was passed last year to require this training, and the district has chosen to utilize the State Department recommended materials from the Jason Foundation Inc.* Any teacher who teaches any part of the day in either a middle or secondary school is subject to this law. The required web-based online training shall count toward the one hundred twenty renewal credits specified in Department of Education regulations for renewal of teaching credentials. The complete training time is a little over six hours in length and you will have to complete an assessment at the end. The district will award 10 recertification points for completing this course in addition to the state requirement. While middle and high school teachers are required to undertake this training for recertification, we encourage elementary teachers to take the training for recertification points as well. If you have already completed your renewal paperwork and have submitted it to our office, you will still be required to complete and document this training as a condition for renewal under state law.

Fortunately, we have an avenue that will make the process somewhat easier on our personnel. As mentioned earlier, we will use **the Jason Foundation, Inc.** materials. They have arranged for districts to use their training modules and certification process at no charge. Certified employees may log into the site at: <http://jasonfoundation.com/login/>. There are four training modules that have several individual parts to be viewed. To receive recertification credit for completing the modules, each individual will complete a short certification assessment and you will then be able to print your certificate. Once your certificate is printed, you can forward a copy to our office and we will document on the state certification system your completion. Please contact Christi Loudon or Melissa Marbert at 5453 if you have questions.