

Wind Phones & Federal Grief Support Standards

Wind Phones align with U.S. Department of Education guidance, trauma-informed best practices, and national grief and mental health frameworks. There are no federal laws mandating a specific grief education curriculum like New Jersey's S3330. However, several key federal guidelines and frameworks strongly encourage grief support practices in schools:

This chart outlines how Wind Phones align with national frameworks and best practices for grief, trauma, and mental wellness support in U.S. schools.

Federal Framework/Law	Recommendation	How Wind Phones Align Supporting Grief Education
U.S. Dept. of Education Bereavement Guidelines	Include grief in crisis response plans, provide emotional support tools, staff training, and ongoing support	Wind Phones are easily integrated into grief response plans and provide a symbolic space for healing for schools and the community at large.
National Center for School Crisis & Bereavement (NCSCB) Standard	Normalize grief, support memory-making, encourage school-wide grief literacy, offer long-term bereavement support	Wind Phones help maintain continued bonds and create space for personal remembrance.
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Recommendations	Train staff and offer grief interventions for students, normalization of grief in students	Wind Phones are staff-supported, easily accessed, and validate grief as ongoing.
Title V – Mental Health Provisions/Grants	Provide funding for school counseling, mental health integration, and emotional wellness from early grades	Wind Phones fit within funded SEL/wellness initiatives and support non-verbal emotional expression.
SAMHSA / NCTSN Trauma-Informed Frameworks	Treat grief as trauma emphasizing safe, culturally responsive environments	Wind Phones give students choice, voice, privacy, and can be customized for cultural relevance.

Wind Phones align beautifully with all these federal recommendations, especially by:

- Providing trauma-informed, safe spaces for emotional expression
- Supporting ongoing bereavement strategies, complementing crisis plans
- Fitting within school-based counseling and SEL systems funded under Title V
- Helping meet NASP & NCSCB best practices, by offering tools to understand and express grief

While federal law does not mandate a grief curriculum, it does strongly advocate for school readiness, inclusive practices, and mental wellness supports. Wind Phones meet those goals with simplicity, compassion, and lasting emotional impact.

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