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Supporting the grieving student
during the pandemic



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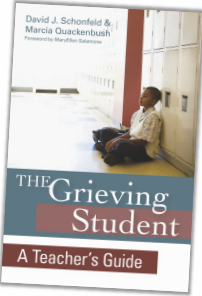


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Get real-world tips, strategies, and insights needed to:


- explain the major concepts of death in age-appropriate ways
- respond constructively to children's common feelings and behaviors after a death
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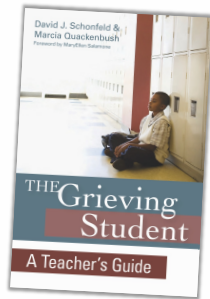


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Loss is common in the lives of children;
training for educators is not

- 9 of 10 experience death of close family member/friend
- 1 of 20 experience death of parent (by 16 years-old)
- 93% of classroom educators have never received any training in how to support a grieving student
- Lack of training is the primary reason why educators don't provide support to their grieving students



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What can schools do

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- Acknowledge loss
- Provide a supportive environment
- Provide support over time
- Offer advice
- Make families aware of community resources
- Offer bereavement support groups or individual counseling
- Pro-actively provide academic support
- Talk with peers



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Peer support

- Most children want to help friends, yet often have limited experience
- May make insensitive comments, ask repetitive or detailed questions, or tease grieving peer
- Study of children ages 6-15 who experienced death of parent: 20% "experienced direct, raw taunting about their loss"
- Educators can help students develop skills to support a peer who is grieving



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Tip Card (folded to business card size, 4-panels)

WHAT TO SAY AND
WHAT NOT TO SAY
Tips for Talking to Grieving Students



COALITION to SUPPORT
GRIEVING STUDENTS



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Grief during a pandemic

- After a death, children often concerned about the health of themselves or others close to them
 - Important to help children deal with fears/concerns about the pandemic
- Social distancing measures including school closure increase social isolation and makes it difficult to provide support
- Secondary losses become even more of an issue
- Family members may be overwhelmed by the pandemic as well as their own grief



Grief during a pandemic (continued)

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- Children may experience more than one personal loss; deaths may impact the entire school community
- Some grief may not be related to death
- Grieving students often experience at least temporary academic difficulties; so do children during a crisis
- Supporting grieving students can be difficult in the best of times; this is not the best of times
- This is an unprecedented time, but there are practical steps school professionals can still take to support grieving students





Coalition to Support Grieving Students

- American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA)
- American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- American School Counselors Association (ASCA)
- National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
- National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
- National Association of School Nurses (NASN)
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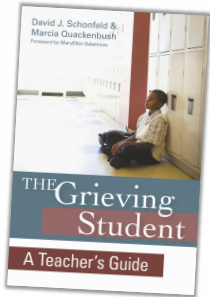


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