



District of Columbia Additional Resources Related to School Discipline

Excerpted from District of Columbia
Compilation of School Discipline Laws and
Regulations

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State-Sponsored, Publicly Available Websites or Other Resources on School Discipline

Safe, supportive learning environments use disciplinary policies and practices that help students stay out of the justice system, while ensuring academic engagement and success for all students. The following resources provided by District of Columbia provide additional context to state policy and regulations and, in some cases, may support the readers' efforts to provide a positive disciplinary school climate.

Title	Description	Website address (if applicable)
Website		
Attendance and Truancy Resources for Schools, OSSE	Provides information and resources on school attendance and resources that aid LEAs in promoting school attendance. Includes resources for parents and families	https://osse.dc.gov/page/attendance-and-truancy-resources-schools
Behavior and School Culture, District of Columbia Public Schools, DCPS	Provides information and weblinks to resources pages addressing bullying prevention, behavior and discipline, and student attendance and support.	https://dcps.dc.gov/page/attendance-and-behavior
Bullying Prevention in DCPS	Provides information on bullying prevention, including definitions of bullying behavior and links to additional resources.	https://dcps.dc.gov/bullying
Citywide Youth Bullying Prevention Program, DC Office of Human Rights	Aims to reduce incidents of bullying across the District by emphasizing prevention and proper procedures for responding when incidents occur.	https://ohr.dc.gov/page/bullying-prevention
K-12 Student Discipline Policy (School Year 2021-22), DCPS	Provides a link to the K-12 student discipline for school year 2021-22	https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/k-12-student-discipline-policy-school-year-2021-22
Safe Passage Program, DCPS	Provides education and information regarding the District of Columbia's efforts of fostering and sustaining a safe environment for students in transit to and from school property including a survey analysis and resource toolkit.	https://safepassage.dc.gov/
School Mental Health, DCPS	Provides information on district strategies to promote the development of healthy relationships, sound decision making, and effective regulation of emotions and behavior among students.	https://dcps.dc.gov/service/school-mental-health-team
Student Discipline, DCPS	Compiles information on discipline law and policies for schools and families including a	https://sboe.dc.gov/page/discipline

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	resource guide for improving school climate and discipline and maintaining a safe learning environment.	
Student Safety, DCPS	Provides information on school safety and approaches to ensuring the physical safety and security of school learning environments.	https://dcps.dc.gov/page/student-safety
Supporting Mental Health in Schools, OSSE	Provides guidance, professional development, and curriculum and implementation resources to support schools in developing and adopting policies and procedures for supporting student mental and behavioral health and implementing multi-tiered systems of support.	https://osse.dc.gov/page/supporting-mental-health-schools
Documents		
2013-14 Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Bullying Policy, OSSE	State policy requiring all District agencies, grantees, and educational institutions that provide services to youth to adopt a bullying prevention policy outlining prevention, identification and reporting, and strategies for providing remedies to victims.	https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/OSSE%20Bullying%20Policy.pdf
DCPS Philosophy And Approach To Student Behavior And Discipline Safe And Effective Learning Environment, DCPS	Provides information about DCPS's approach to school culture, student support, instructional approach to behavior and discipline, and discipline responses.	https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS-Approach-to-Safe-Effective-Learning-Environment-August-1.pdf
DCPS Attendance and Truancy Policy (SY2021-22), DCPS	District policy conveying requirements on attendance and the protocols school officials must implement if a student is absent or truant.	https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/page_content/attachments/Attendance-and-Truancy-Policy-SY%202021-22.pdf
DCPS District-Wide Bullying Prevention Policy (November 2013), DCPS	District policy addressing bullying in District of Columbia's Public School that includes code of conduct, prevention, intervention, consequences and progressive discipline, professional development, reporting, investigating, protection, and complaints.	https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS%20Bullying%20Prevention%20Policy.pdf
District of Columbia Student Discipline Guide, A Guide for Students, Families, and School Staff, DC Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education	Guidance document for students, families, and school staff to explain new rules for school discipline that all public schools must follow under DC law.	https://sboe.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/sboe/page_content/attachments/DC%20Student%20Discipline%20Guide.pdf

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K-12 Student Discipline Policy Guidance (2019-20), DCPS	Guidance on policy requirements related to K-12 student discipline pursuant to the Student Fair Access to School Amendment Act of 2018.	https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/SY-2019-20-Discipline-Policy-Guidance-July-2019.pdf
Mental Health Guidelines (March 2022), OSSE	Provides guidelines to help schools evaluate and understand their school climate and build policies and procedures to protect students' health and strengthen academic success.	https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/2022%20Mental%20Health%20Guidelines_2022%20Update%20with%20links.pdf
Navigating Behavioral Health Guide (2021), District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health	Toolkit that provides District of Columbia families and schools with information on behavioral health and how to seek care and resources in the District of Columbia area.	https://sboe.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/sboe/2021%20Navigating%20Behavioral%20Health%20in%20DC%20Schools-%20FINAL.pdf
<i>Other Resources</i>		
Bullying Prevention and Intervention in DC Educational Institution: A Training Toolkit, DC Office of Human Rights	A comprehensive package of guides, presentation slides, scenarios and self-assessments for schools or other entities to train their staff on how to prevent and respond to incidents of bullying	https://ohr.dc.gov/page/bullying-prevention/toolkit
DC School Report Card, OSSE	Report card includes state, LEA, and school level discipline and attendance data.	https://dcschoolreportcard.org/
Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support, School Climate, Restorative Justice Professional Development Opportunities, OSSE	Professional development opportunities for educators on various topics including positive behavioral intervention and support, school climate, and restorative justice.	https://osse.dc.gov/page/teaching-and-learning-professional-development-opportunities
State of Discipline, 2020- 21 School Year, OSSE	Required annual report on discipline in the District of Columbia.	https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/2020-21%20Discipline%20Report_FINAL_0.pdf
Restorative Justice Trainings and Resources, OSSE	Training and resources for educators on restorative justice, including a monthly Community of Practice.	https://osse.dc.gov/page/restorative-justice-trainings-and-resources