



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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Government-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)
<i>Website</i>		
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, DCPS	Provides information on bullying prevention, including definitions of bullying behavior and links to additional resources.	https://dcps.dc.gov/bullying
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 service 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 resource guide for improving school climate and discipline and maintaining a safe learning environment.	https://sboe.dc.gov/page/discipline
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

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<i>Documents</i>		
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 Attendance and Truancy Policy (August 2018), DCPS	District policy conveying DCPS 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/FINAL%20DCPS%20Attendance%20and%20Truancy%20Policy%2008-21-18.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
K-12 Student Discipline Policy Guidance (2019-20), DCPS	Guidance document for 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
Navigating Behavioral Health Guide (2021), District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health	Toolkit provided by the Office of the Student Advocate to provide District of Columbia families, schools, and students with information on behavioral health and how to seek care and additional 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

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<i>Other Resources</i>		
DC School Report Card, OSSE	Report card includes state, LEA, and school level discipline and attendance data.	https://dcschoolreportcard.org/
District of Columbia Attendance Report, SY 2019-20, OSSE	Required annual report on attendance (chronic absenteeism and truancy) in the District of Columbia.	https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/2019-20%20Attendance%20Report.pdf
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, 2019-20 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/2019-20%20School%20Year%20Discipline%20Report.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