



District of Columbia Additional Resources Related to School Discipline

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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>		
Attendance and Behavior, 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
School Mental Health Team, 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 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
<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

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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
DCPS Philosophy and Approach to Student Behavior and Discipline, Safe and Effective Learning Environment (2009), DCPS	Guidelines for schools to create a safe and learning environment for all students. Document is divided into four sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional School Culture • Comprehensive Student Support • Instructional Approach to Behavior and Discipline • Consistent, Progressive Discipline Responses that Minimize Disruption of Instructional Time 	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 (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
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
Other Resources		
DC School Report Card	Report card includes state, LEA, and school level discipline and attendance data	https://www.dcschoolreportcard.org/
District of Columbia Attendance Report (SY 2018-19, Published November 30, 2019), 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/2018-19%20School%20Year%20Attendance%20Report.pdf

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District of Columbia Discipline Report (SY 2017-18), OSSE	Required annual report on discipline in the District of Columbia.	https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/2017-18%20School%20Year%20Discipline%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
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