



# **Georgia School Discipline Sources Cited**

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## ***Georgia State Codes Cited***

### **Georgia Revised Laws**

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#### **Title 15. Courts**

##### **Chapter 11. Juvenile Code**

###### **Article 9. Access to Hearings and Records**

- 15-11-707. Notice to school superintendent
- 15-11-710. Exchange of information

#### **Title 16. Crimes and Offenses**

##### **Chapter 5. Crimes Against the Person**

###### **Article 4. Reckless Conduct**

- 16-5-61. Hazing

##### **Chapter 11. Offenses Against Public Order and Safety**

###### **Article 4. Dangerous Instrumentalities and Practices**

###### **Part 3. Carrying and Possession of Firearms**

- 16-11-127.1. Carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school

#### **Title 20. Education**

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###### **Article 6. Quality Basic Education**

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- 20-2-145. Comprehensive character education program

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- 20-2-155. School climate management program; model codes of behavior and discipline

###### **Part 14. Other Educational Programs**

- 20-2-314. Development of rape prevention, personal safety education, and teen dating violence prevention programs

###### **Article 16. Students**

###### **Part 1. School Attendance**

###### **Subpart 2. Compulsory Attendance**

- 20-2-690.1. Mandatory education for children between ages six and 16

- 20-2-690.2. Establishment of student attendance and school climate committee; membership; summary of penalties for failure to comply; review and policy recommendations; reporting
- 20-2-695. Employing attendance officers in addition to visiting teachers; authority and duties
- 20-2-696. Duties of visiting teachers and attendance officers
- 20-2-698. Peace officers may take temporary custody of truant children away from home
- 20-2-699. Disposition of children taken into custody
- 20-2-700. Reports by peace officers to school authorities and parent or guardian
- 20-2-701. Responsibility for reporting truants to juvenile or other courts

## **Part 2. Discipline**

### **Subpart 1. Corporal Punishment**

- 20-2-730. Policies and regulations on use of corporal punishment
- 20-2-731. When and how corporal punishment may be administered
- 20-2-732. When principal or teacher not liable for administering corporal punishment

### **Subpart 1A. Improved Student Learning Environment and Discipline**

- 20-2-735. Adoption of policies by local boards to improve student learning environment
- 20-2-736. Student codes of conduct; distribution; disciplinary action for violations; parental involvement
- 20-2-737. Reports by teacher of violations of student code of conduct; notification to parents of support services or disciplinary action
- 20-2-738. Authority of teacher over classroom; procedures following removal of student from classroom; placement review committees
- 20-2-739. Conflict management and resolution; cultural diversity training programs
- 20-2-740. Annual report by local boards of education regarding disciplinary and placement actions; annual study by Department of Education
- 20-2-741. Positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention
- 20-2-742. Multi-tiered system of supports prior to suspension or expulsion for certain students
- 20-2-750. Short title
- 20-2-751. Definitions
  - 20-2-751.1. Expulsion and disciplinary policy for students bringing weapons to school
  - 20-2-751.4. Policies prohibiting bullying; assignment to alternative school; notice
  - 20-2-751.5. Student code of conduct; safety rules on school buses; distribution
  - 20-2-751.6. Disciplinary policy for students committing acts of physical violence against teacher, school bus driver, or other school official or employee
  - 20-2-751.7. State mandated process for students to follow in reporting instances of alleged inappropriate behavior by teacher or other school personnel; notice of process; training; investigations
- 20-2-752. Establishment of disciplinary hearing officers, panels, or tribunals for imposition of suspension or expulsion; rules and regulations; appeals
- 20-2-753. Disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal to hold disciplinary hearing following allegation of assault and battery or recommended suspension or expulsion exceeding 10 days
- 20-2-754. Procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal; review
- 20-2-755. Authorization of disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal to determine disciplinary action
- 20-2-756. Reports to law enforcement officials
- 20-2-757. Applicability of public inspection and open meeting laws

20-2-758. Legal actions not prohibited, restricted, or limited by disciplinary hearing; rights to appeal from decision of school board

### **Subpart 3. Chronic Disciplinary Problem Students**

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20-2-765. Notification of parent or guardian of chronic disciplinary problem student; observance of child by parent or guardian; attendance of conference with principal or teacher or both

20-2-766. Students returning from expulsion or suspension; notice to parents; conference with principal or teacher to devise disciplinary and behavioral correction plan

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### **Subpart 4. Alternative Educational Systems**

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20-2-779.1. Suicide prevention and awareness training; no duty of care imposed

## **Article 22. School Buses**

### **Part 5. School Buses**

20-2-1126. Written policies and procedures for operation of school buses; receipt of code of conduct by students; acknowledgement by parent or guardian

## **Article 27. Loitering at or Disrupting Schools**

20-2-1181. Disrupting operation of public school, school bus, or school bus stop; penalty; progressive discipline

20-2-1183. Written agreement for law enforcement officers in schools

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20-2-1185. School safety plans; drills

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20-8-2. Law enforcement powers

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20-8-5. Law enforcement powers of school security personnel in each public school system of the state; certification; carrying of firearms or weapons

20-8-6. Reports of criminal gang activity on or adjacent to campus

## **Title 35. Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies**

### **Chapter 8. Employment and Training of Peace Officers**

35-8-27. Training requirements for school resource officers

## **Title 38. Military Emergency Management, and Veterans Affairs**

### **Chapter 3. Emergency Management**

#### **Article 2. Organization and Administration**

38-3-22.1. Safety plan addressing threat of terrorism required of state agencies or authorities; exemptions; training and technical assistance; confidentiality of plans and related documentation

## **Georgia Regulations**

### **Department 160. Rules of Georgia Department of Education**

#### **160-4-2. Division of General Instruction**

160-4-2-.32. Student support team

#### **160-4-8. Student Support**

160-4-8-.01. Student support services

160-4-8-.12. Alternative/Non-traditional education programs

160-4-8-.15. Student discipline

160-4-8-.19. Suicide prevention training requirement for certificated school system personnel

#### **160-5-1. Regional Education Services**

160-5-1-.10. Student attendance

160-5-1-.35. Seclusion and restraint for all students