



Kentucky School Discipline Sources Cited

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Discipline Laws and Regulations

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Kentucky State Codes Cited

Kentucky Revised Statutes

Title I. Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of the Commonwealth

Chapter 2. Citizenship, Emblems, Holidays, and Time

2.227. Anti-Bullying Month

Title III. Executive Branch

Chapter 15A. Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

15A.067. Division of Program Services - Access to educational records - Screening and education of incarcerated youth - Information on educational status and need

Title XIII. Education

Chapter 156. Department of Education

Kentucky Board of Education

156.095. Professional development programs - Professional development coordinator - Long term improvement plans - Suicide prevention awareness information - Suicide prevention training - Evidence-informed trainings on child abuse and neglect - Electronic consumer bulletin board - Training to address needs of students at risk - Teacher academics - Annual report to Juvenile Justice Oversight Council

Commissioner of Education

156.240. Chief state school officer to electronically publish school laws

Miscellaneous

156.496. Family resource and youth service centers - Design - Core components - Location - Grant program - Prohibition on abortion counseling and referrals - Monetary donations.

Chapter 158. Conduct of Schools - Special Programs

Conduct of Schools

158.148. Definition of "bullying"- Discipline guidelines and model policy - Local code of acceptable behavior and discipline - Required contents of code

158.150. Suspension or expulsion of pupils

158.153. Punishment based on child's records - Disclosure of records - Cause of action - Districtwide standards of behavior for students participating in extracurricular activities

158.154. Principal's duty to report certain acts to local law enforcement agency

158.155. Reporting of specified incidents of student conduct - Notation on school records - Report to law enforcement of certain student conduct - Immunity

158.156. Reporting of commission of felony KRS Chapter 508 offense against a student - Investigation - Immunity from liability for reporting - Privileges no bar to reporting

158.165. Possession and use of personal telecommunications device by public school student.

[158.183.](#) Prohibited acts by students - Rights of student - Duties of local board of education - Administrative remedies

[158.305.](#) Response-to-intervention system to identify and assist students having difficulty in reading, writing, mathematics, or behavior and to determine needs of advanced learners - Web-based resource for teachers - District-wide use - Department to provide technical assistance and training - Annual report

School Safety and School Discipline

[158.440.](#) Legislative findings on school safety and order

[158.441.](#) Definitions for chapter

[158.4414.](#) Cooperation of school personnel with local and state law enforcement agencies in efforts to assign certified school resource officers to each school as funds and personnel become available - Memorandum of understanding between local boards of education and law enforcement agencies or the Kentucky State Police -Policies and procedures stating the purpose of the school resource officer program and defining roles and expectations - Promulgation of administrative regulations establishing levels of training for certification of school resource officers - Course curriculum, specifications for training requirements, and consequences for deficiencies in required training - Officers to regain certification status upon completion of training deficiency - Local school district superintendents to report annually to the Center for School Safety upon the number and placement of school resource officers in the districts, source of funding, and methods of employment for each position

[158.4415.](#) Kentucky State Police school resource officer (KSPSRO), specifications for employment as a school resource office by a school district - When officer considered an employee of the school district and when an employee of the Kentucky State Police - Duties and prohibited activities - Funding of position - Rights, privileges, immunities, and matters of defense protected

[158.4416.](#) Trauma-informed approach to education - Definitions - School counselor or school-based mental health services provider to facilitate creation of trauma-informed team - Training and guidance of school personnel to assist in recognizing and dealing with issues of student trauma - Application to charter schools - Collaboration for provision of services between two or more school districts or between school districts and educational cooperatives, or other public or private entities - Annual report to department number and placement of school counselors in each district, source of funding, summary of job duties, and percentage of time devoted to each duty - Department of Education to make available toolkits to develop trauma-informed approach in schools - Plan and strategies for implementing trauma-informed approach

[158.442.](#) Center for School Safety - Duties - School safety coordinator training program-Members of board - Center for School safety and its board of directors not subject to reorganization by the Governor

[158.443.](#) Terms of board members - Meetings - Selection of administrator for the center - Duties of board of directors

[158.444.](#) Administrative regulations relating to school safety - Role of Department of Education to maintain statewide data collection system - Reportable incidents - Annual statistical reports - Confidentiality

- [158.445.](#) Local assessment of school safety and school discipline - District assessment - Local plans
- [158.4451.](#) The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, after collaboration with others, shall make available an anonymous reporting tool to allow students, parents, and community members to supply information about potentially harmful, dangerous, or criminal activities to public safety agencies and school officials - Goal is to facilitate widespread awareness of the reporting tool and to provide a comprehensive training and awareness program on the use of the tool
- [158.446.](#) Use of appropriated funds
- [158.448.](#) Protocols for student records within student information system
- [158.449.](#) Annual report of assessment of disruptive behavior school incidents resulting in a complaint

Chapter 159. Compulsory Attendance

- [159.010.](#) Parent or custodian to send child to school - Age limits for compulsory attendance - Local board of education may adopt policy extending compulsory attendance requirements to age 18 - All local boards to extend age limit upon adoption of policy by 55 percent of school districts - Notification and counseling prior to withdrawal - Encouragement to reenroll after withdrawal
- [159.140.](#) Duties of director of pupil personnel or assistant
- [159.150.](#) Definitions of truant and habitual truant - Attendance record requirements - Adoption of truancy policies by local school boards - Implementation of early intervention and prevention programs
- [159.170.](#) Withdrawals and transfers - Teachers to investigate and report - Collection and dissemination of student records
- [159.180.](#) Parents responsible for children's violations
- [159.990.](#) Penalties

Chapter 160. School Districts

Boards of Education

- [160.295.](#) Procedure for promulgation of code of student rights and responsibilities for secondary schools - Prohibited student activities
- [160.340.](#) Reports by boards to Kentucky Board of Education - Filing of policies on specified matters
- [160.345.](#) Definitions - Required adoption of school councils for school-based decision making - Composition - Responsibilities - Professional development - Exemption - Formula for allocation of school district funds - Intentionally engaging in conduct detrimental to school-based decision making by board member, superintendent, district employee, or school council member - Complaint procedure - Disciplinary action - Rescission of right to establish and powers of council - Wellness policy

Chapter 161. School Employees - Teacher's Retirement and Tenure

Regulations as to School Employees

- [161.180.](#) Supervision of pupils' conduct
- [161.190.](#) Abuse of teacher, classified employee, or school administrator prohibited
- [161.195.](#) Notice to teacher of student's history of physically abusive conduct or carrying a concealed weapon

Title L. Kentucky Penal Code

Chapter 525. Riot, Disorderly Conduct, and Related Offenses

- [525.070.](#) Harassment
[525.080.](#) Harassing communications

Chapter 527. Offenses Relating to Firearms and Weapons

- [527.070.](#) Unlawful possession of a weapon on school property - Posting of sign - Exemptions

Title LI. Unified Code

Chapter 610. Procedural Matters

- [610.345.](#) School superintendent or principal to be notified when child found guilty or when petition is filed - Disclosure of records - Provision of offense history to school superintendent

Kentucky Regulations

Kentucky Administrative Regulations

Title 704. Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Kentucky Board of Education Department of Education Office of Learning Programs Development

Chapter 3. Office of Instruction

- [3:095.](#) The use of response-to-intervention in kindergarten through grade 3

Chapter 7. Office of Learning Support Services

- [7:070.](#) Guidelines for dropout prevention programs
[7:160.](#) Use of physical restraint and seclusion in public schools

Chapter 19. Alternative Education Programs

- [19:002.](#) Alternative education programs

Title 707. Education and Workforce Development Cabinet - Kentucky Board of Education - Department of Education - Office of Special Instructional Services

Chapter 1. Exceptional and Handicapped Programs

- [1:340.](#) Procedural safeguards and state complaint procedures