



Massachusetts Additional Resources Related to School Discipline

Excerpted from Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts 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		
Bullying Prevention and Intervention Resources, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Presents information on bullying prevention and intervention resources and includes links to the model bullying prevention and intervention plan, laws and regulations, social emotional learning, and resources from state agencies.	http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/bullying/
Legal Office, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Provides links to laws and regulations relating to education and schools.	http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/
Rethinking Discipline Initiative, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Provides brief overview and information on the Rethinking Discipline Initiative including yearly updated resources for school leaders and educators about student discipline and alternative approaches to addressing school climate.	https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/?section=massachusetts
Safe & Supportive Schools, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Provides an overview on safe and supportive schools and links to related resources that can help school districts and communities build safe and supportive learning environments.	http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/safety/
Social and Emotional Learning in Massachusetts (SEL), Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Introduces SEL and provides additional resources for learning and implementation for school leaders and educators.	https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/sel/
Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Provides an overview on initiatives to encourage attendance and prevent chronic absenteeism including definitions, description of initiatives, and additional resources.	https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/attendance/

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Documents		
Advisory on Student Discipline under Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012 An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusion from School, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Provides basic information on the state laws and regulations pertaining to student discipline to support district implementation. See also: Guidance on Updated Expectations Related to Student Discipline, Feb. 2023	https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/discipline/StudentDiscipline.html and https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/default.html?section=additional
Checklist - Required Content of Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans under G.L. c. 71 § 37O, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Checklist for optional use when schools and districts create or update their bullying prevention and intervention plans per G.L. c. 71 § 37O.	https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/bullying/LocalPlan.docx
Model Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (June 2014), Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Model plan addressing bullying prevention and intervention in Massachusetts schools.	http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/bullying/#1
Other Resources		
Questions and Answers; Student Discipline Laws and Regulations, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Guidance document on school discipline laws and regulations in Massachusetts schools. See also: Guidance on Updated Expectations Related to Student Discipline, Feb. 2023	http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/discipline/QA.html and https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/default.html?section=additional
Student Discipline Data Report (2021-2022), Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Summarizes disciplinary actions taken in response to offenses committed by students, as reported by school districts in the School Safety Discipline Report (SSDR).	https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/state-report/ssdr.aspx
Views of Climate and Learning (VOCAL) Survey Project, 2022	VOCAL is a survey sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, designed to provide information on student perceptions of three dimensions of school climate: engagement, safety, and environment.	Views of Climate and Learning (VOCAL) Survey Project - Office of Planning and Research (mass.edu)