



Rhode Island Additional Resources Related to School Discipline

Excerpted from Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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>		
Bridging Research, Implementation, & Data, to Guide Educators in Rhode Island: The Home of MTSS in Rhode Island (BRIDGE-RI)	Provides information on MTSS foundations in Rhode Island, behavior/SEL, online learning, and annual data on MTSS initiatives.	https://mtssri.org/
Bullying and School Violence, Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)	Provides an overview of Bullying and School Violence in Rhode Island schools and includes links to RI Statewide Bullying policy, data about bullying in schools via SurveyWorks! and data about violence in schools through CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS).	http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/HealthSafety/BullyingSchoolViolence.aspx
Discipline in Schools, RIDE	Addresses effective teaching and learning and reducing the need for disciplinary action. Suspension data and research on out of school placements as well as prevention of suspension and alternatives to out-of-school suspensions.	http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/HealthSafety/DisciplineinSchools.aspx
Health & Safety, RIDE	Addresses health and safety in Rhode Island schools and provides links to subtopics such as bullying & school violence, social & emotional learning, discipline in schools, and limiting physical restraint.	https://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/HealthSafety.aspx
Limiting the Use of Physical Restraint, RIDE	Provides tools and resources on physical restraint and includes links to the sample incident report form, district policy template, and responsibilities of districts and schools.	http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/HealthSafety/LimitingPhysicalRestraint.aspx
Response to Intervention (RTI)/Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), RIDE	Provides information and resources regarding RTI and MTSS including instruction and assessment tools, implementation supports, and links to an instructional support system.	https://ride.ri.gov/instruction-assessment/instructional-initiatives-resources/multi-tiered-system-supports-mtss

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Rhode Island Coordinated School Health - ThriveRI, RIDE	Present infrastructure supports to state, school, and community partners and provides information related to school health including school safety, bullying, and discipline.	http://www.thriveri.org/index.html
Social & Emotional Learning (SEL), RIDE	Provides an overview of standards, indicators, and resources for social emotional learning.	https://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/HealthSafety/SocialEmotionalLearning.aspx
Documents		
A Guide to Preventing Bullying, Teen Dating Violence, and Sexual Violence in Rhode Island Schools (Amended 2012), RIDE	Guidance document for districts to develop in every school a response and prevention strategy that engages and empowers administration, faculty, students and parents to take action against abuse.	http://www.thriveri.org/documents/GUIDE_Bullying_TDVSV_Amended2012.pdf
Rhode Island Physical Restraint Regulations (September 2002), RIDE	Guidance document of Rhode Island Physical Restraint Regulations outlines responsibilities of districts and schools to meet certain requirements listed in the document.	http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Students-and-Families-Great-Schools/Health-Safety/Limiting-Physical-Restraint/District-Restraint-Responsibilities.docx
Rhode Island Threat Assessment Teams Guidelines (July 2019), Rhode Island Student Safety Committee	An assessment guideline developed for school administrators to assist in incorporating the threat assessment process into school strategies for creating and sustaining safe school environments.	http://media.ride.ri.gov/Commissioner/RI-Threat-Assessment_Guidelines.pdf
Safe School Act Statewide Bullying Policy (June 2012), RIDE	Model bullying policy addressing bullying in Rhode Island schools.	https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Students-and-Families-Great-Schools/Health-Safety/RI-Statewide-Bullying-Policy.pdf

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<i>Other Resources</i>		
InfoWorks! Rhode Island Education Data Reporting Guide, RIDE	Reports on suspension incidents in Rhode Island schools.	http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/ODAR/201718collections/How%20to%20check%20Student%20Suspensions%20in%20eRIDE.pdf
School Removals Flow Chart, RIDE	Flow chart for understanding the policies, procedures, and requirements to remove a student from school as part of a disciplinary action.	https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Students-and-Families-Great-Schools/Health-Safety/Discipline/School-Removals-Procedures-Requirements.pdf
Discipline Dashboard RIDE	Dashboard that provided information about student discipline, including the numbers and types of student infractions, percentage of in-school and out-of school suspensions, and duration of suspensions. Data can be filtered by various categories (e.g., district, school, year, gender, grade)	https://datacenter.ride.ri.gov/Home/FileDetail?fileid=1012
Student Suspension Rates	Data on student suspension rates, by year and subgroups (e.g., race, urbanicity, ELL, IEP, FRL, grade level)	https://datacenter.ride.ri.gov/Home/FileDetail?fileid=1005