



# **Tennessee Additional Resources Related to School Discipline**

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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 Tennessee provide additional context to state policy and regulations and, in some cases, may support the readers' efforts to provide a positive disciplinary school climate.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Website address (if applicable)</i>
<b>Website</b>		
Bullying & Harassment, Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)	Provides information for parents, students and school regarding how to respond to bullying.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/bullying-and-harassment.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/bullying-and-harassment.html</a>
Chronic Absenteeism, TDOE	Addresses Chronic Absenteeism as an indicator called "Chronically Out-of-School Indicator" and provides information on the importance of indicator and data collection, including related resources and Back-to-School Attendance Toolkit.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/student-support/chronic-absenteeism.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/student-support/chronic-absenteeism.html</a>
Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments, TDOE	Provides links and key terms to subtopics such as school safety, school climate, bullying, and harassment.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety.html</a>
RTI2, TDOE	Provides resources and information about the Response to Instruction and Intervention Framework.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/t DOE-rti2.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/t DOE-rti2.html</a>
School Safety, TDOE	Provides an overview on school safety and links to related topics including bullying and harassment, school resource officers, school discipline institute presentations, and other resources.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/school-safety.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/school-safety.html</a>
Student Supports in Tennessee, TDOE	Provides a framework for seeing how all the practices, programs, and interventions fit together to meet student needs.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/student-support/student-supports-in-tn.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/student-support/student-supports-in-tn.html</a>
<b>Documents</b>		

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Bullying and Harassment: An Educator's Guide for Addressing Bullying and Harassment Complaints in Tennessee (October 2012), TDOE	Manual for LEAs on bullying and harassment.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_educator_guide_complaints.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_educator_guide_complaints.pdf</a>
Response to Instruction and Intervention Framework (RTI <sup>2</sup> ), TDOE	Manual to support educators and empower districts in their implementation of RTI <sup>2</sup> .	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/special-education/rti/rti2_manual.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/special-education/rti/rti2_manual.pdf</a>
Sample Bullying and Harassment Policy, TDOE	Sample policy addressing bullying and harassment in schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_sample_policy.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_sample_policy.pdf</a>
Sample Memorandum of Understanding, TDOE	Sample MOU for school resource officer program in Tennessee schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/safe_sch/safe_sch_sro_sample_mou.docx">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/safe_sch/safe_sch_sro_sample_mou.docx</a>
Trauma-informed Discipline Practices Guidance Document, TDOE	Guidance document provides information about trauma-informed discipline practices.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/Trauma_informed_Discipline_Practices_Guidance.docx">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/Trauma_informed_Discipline_Practices_Guidance.docx</a>
<b><i>Other Resources</i></b>		
2019 Legislative Report (2019), TDOE	Report on Public Chapters and Resolutions Affecting K-12 Education in Tennessee.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2019_legislative_report.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2019_legislative_report.pdf</a>
Bullying and Harassment Compliance Report (Updated December 2019), TDOE	Document states the total number of bullying cases reported statewide (2018-19). Bullying has no place in Tennessee schools and TDOE is dedicated to responsibly and effectively addressing bullying and harassment in Tennessee public schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/BullyingandHarassmentComplianceReport20182019FINAL.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/BullyingandHarassmentComplianceReport20182019FINAL.pdf</a>
Social and Personal Competencies, TDOE	Online learning modules that introduce the concept of social and personal competencies and teaching practices that support the academic, social, and emotional skills development of all students.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/school-climate/social-and-personal-competencies.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/school-climate/social-and-personal-competencies.html</a>

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State Report Card, TDOE	State report card provides data by school year on student characteristics, college/career readiness, accountability, education climate, and teachers/staff. Data on disciplinary actions is disaggregated by race and gender.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/data/report-card.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/data/report-card.html</a>
Student Discipline Institute Presentations (2019), TDOE	Presentations on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Discipline and the Law</li> <li>• Due Process and Student Disciplinary Hearings</li> <li>• Student Searches by School Officials and School Resource Officers</li> <li>• Legal Obligations to Address Bullying</li> <li>• Disciplining Students with Disabilities</li> <li>• Decreasing the School to Prison Pipeline</li> </ul> Best Practices Panel Alternatives to Suspensions and Expulsions	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/student_discipline_institute.zip">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/student_discipline_institute.zip</a>