



Virginia

Additional Resources

Related to School

Discipline

Excerpted from Virginia 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 Virginia 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> |
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| Website | | |
| Bullying Prevention, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) | Addresses bullying prevention in Virginia schools and includes links to model policies, technical assistance and training, and resources related to internet safety and student conduct. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/student-services/prevention-strategies-programs/bullying-prevention |
| Office of Student Services, VDOE | Provides professional development and resources for school leaders and specialized instructional support personnel (SISP) such as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses. | https://vastudentservices-clc.org/ |
| School Climate and Working Conditions, VDOE | Provides updates on school climate and working conditions survey, information on school engagement, models for implementation and other related resources to school climate. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/school-operations-support-services/school-climate-working-conditions |
| Student Support and Conduct, VDOE | Provides links to guidelines and model policies to aid schools in the development and implementation of codes of student conduct and related policies. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/student-services/integrated-student-supports/student-support-conduct |
| Virginia Tiered Systems of Support (VTSS), VDOE | Provides resources and information supporting implementation of the Virginia Tiered System of Supports (VTSS) to align academics, behavior and social emotional wellness into a single decision-making framework. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/student-services/vulnerable-students-wellbeing-student-success/virginia-tiered-systems-of-supports-vtss |
| Documents | | |
| Discipline of Children with Disabilities (Revised 2010), VDOE | Guidance document providing technical assistance to school administrators, parents, teachers as they make decisions about discipline in accordance with IDEA. | www.doe.virginia.gov/docx/live.com |

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| Guidelines for Conducting Functional Behavioral Assessment and Developing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports/Strategies (2015), VDOE | Guidance document providing technical assistance on conducting FBA and developing function-based intervention plans. | https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.doe.virginia.gov%2Fhome%2Fshowpublisheddocument%2F41374%2F638096523260720574&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK |
| Guide to Local Alternative Education Options for Suspended and Expelled Students in the Commonwealth (2008), Virginia Commission on Youth Report | Guidance document identifying alternative education options for suspended and expelled students in the Commonwealth. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/specialized-instruction/alternative-education/alternative-education-programs |
| Model Policy to Address Bullying in Virginia's Public Schools (October 2013), VDOE | Model policy addressing bullying in Virginia's public schools. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/32839/638047296825297041 |
| Model Guidance for Positive and Preventative Code of Student Conduct Policy and Alternatives to Suspension (June, 2021), Virginia Board of Education | Guidance document assisting school boards in implementing positive and supportive student conduct policies. | www.doe.virginia.gov.docx (live.com) |
| Student Assistance Programming: Creating Positive Conditions for Learning (January 2013), VDOE | Manual for Student Assistance Programming (SAP), to succeed in school settings. SAP supports social and emotional development among youth. | https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1556/637947549908570000 |
| Virginia Community School Framework (VDOE) | Framework providing guidance on establishing a community school with the goal of removing nonacademic barriers to learning to enhance student academic success. | www.doe.virginia.gov.docx (live.com) |
| <i>Other Resources</i> | | |
| Attendance & Truancy Among Virginia Students, VDOE | Professional development series to assist schools and divisions in looking at current practice and in looking at ways to improve future practice with the goal of addressing and eliminating chronic absenteeism and boosting student outcomes and success. | Attendance & Truancy Among Virginia Students Virginia Department of Education |

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| School Quality Profile - Learning Climate, VDOE | Interactive data profile on the State of Virginia regarding data on chronic absenteeism, short-term & long-term suspension, and expulsion. | http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/virginia-state-quality-profile#desktopTabs-6 |