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OVERVIEW OF REPORT

This report is organized into six sections:

Section I. Background – Section I provides background information about statutory requirements for reporting discipline, crime, and violence (DCV) data, the reporting process and procedures, how DCV data is used, limitations of the data, and sources of additional related information.

Section II. Incidents Reported in 2015-2016 – Section II focuses on statewide incident data with selected comparisons to previous years. Included is an overview of all incidents reported and examinations of incidents against students, incidents against staff, and weapons incidents. Numerous tables and charts provide detailed information on incidents reported.

Section III. Disciplinary Outcomes – Section III focuses on disciplinary outcomes in 2015-2016. Included are an overview of all disciplinary outcomes and examinations of offenses resulting in short-term suspensions (1-10 days), in long-term suspensions (11-364 days), in expulsions (365 days), and in modified expulsions. Disciplinary outcomes for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-related offenses and for weapons-related offenses are also reported.

Section IV. Violations Reported as Part of the *Gun-Free Schools Act* Requirements – Section IV focuses on firearm incidents that were reported by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to the United States Department of Education (USED) as part of the *Gun-Free Schools Act* requirements.

Section V. Regional Data – Section V reports data for each of Virginia’s eight Superintendents’ regions. For each region, there is a demographic profile and a summary of the most frequently reported offenses. Tables summarizing incidents are also included for each region and for school divisions within each region.

Section VI. Regional Centers and Programs – Section VI reports data for all regional centers and programs throughout Virginia. There are four categories of centers and/or programs. They are as follows: Governor’s Schools, Special Education Centers/Programs, Technical and Career Centers, and Alternative Education Centers/Programs.

Appendices provide supplementary information as follows:

Appendix A Excerpts of state and federal laws that require reporting of DCV data

Appendix B DCV offenses required to be reported

Includes definitions, disciplinary reporting requirements, and laws and regulations on which reporting is based

Appendix C Offenses used to identify “persistently dangerous schools,” as required by the federal *Every Child Succeeds Act 2015*

- Appendix D** *Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report* for School Year 2015-2016, Supt’s Memo No. 132-15, May 22, 2015, *Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report* for School Year 2014-2015, Supt’s Memo No. 86, May 9, 2003, Unsafe School Choice Option, Supt’s Memo No. 51, September 24, 2004, Persistently Dangerous Schools: Notification Procedure for Category I Incidents, and Supt’s Memo No. 52, December 21, 2006, *2006-2007 Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report* Collection of New In-School Suspension Data for Special Education Students
- Appendix E** Cross Walk For Offense Code Extractions
- Appendix F** All Incidents for All Regions by Offense Codes
- Appendix G** DCV-related Documents and Additional Information Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The *Code of Virginia* (§ 22.1-279.3:1) requires school divisions statewide to submit data to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) on incidents of discipline, crime, and violence (DCV). School divisions began reporting such data in 1991. This annual report focuses primarily on DCV data submitted for school year 2015-2016, with selected comparisons to prior years. The DCV data is also used to complete federal reports required by the *Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 (GFSA, Sec. 14061)* and the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*. The *GFSA* requires annual reporting of the number of students suspended or expelled statewide for possessing or bringing firearms on school property; *IDEA* contains requirements for reporting disciplinary actions involving students with disabilities. Section 22.1-279.3:1, *Code of Virginia*, and the *Gun-Free Schools Act, Sec. 14061*, are included in Appendix A of this report.

Virginia uses incident-based reporting consistent with federal standards. The reporting process employs a well-defined set of nearly 139 offense codes (see Appendix B) and data elements that are consistent with those recommended by the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Forum on Education Statistics. “Incidents” range in seriousness from criminal acts that result in law enforcement action to minor acts of misbehavior. A single incident may involve more than one offense; an incident may also involve multiple students and result in multiple disciplinary actions. This report focuses on numbers of incidents based on offenses and numbers of disciplinary outcomes.

The DCV data reporting process is a self-reporting system. School division Superintendents are required to verify the accuracy of the data submitted to the VDOE. Readers are cautioned against making year-to-year comparisons without taking into account changes in reporting requirements. For example, the reporting criteria for the 2014 attendance data within this report reflects a 2008 amendment to the *Code of Virginia* § 22.1-277(A), which states that “Pupils may be suspended or expelled from attendance at school for sufficient cause; however, in no cases may sufficient cause for suspensions include only instances of truancy.” The changes in the law caused the reported suspensions for truancy/attendance to decline since 2008. Readers are also cautioned against comparing schools and school divisions without taking into account local student conduct policies, data collection and reporting methods. Readers with questions about data reported by a particular school division are strongly urged to contact the school division directly. School divisions have specific information about how the data is collected and factors that may affect the numbers reported. School divisions can also provide important information on the full array of local efforts to promote school safety and maintain school environments conducive to learning.

All data from the regional centers and programs including Governor’s Schools, Special Education Centers/Programs, Technical and Career Centers, and Alternative Schools and Centers are part of the Annual Report as of 2007-2008.

OVERVIEW OF ALL INCIDENTS

This report focuses on the DCV data reported for the 2015-2016 school year and includes information submitted to the VDOE by all school divisions. In the school year 2015-2016, a total of 149,714 incidents were reported. The incidents of defiance, classroom/campus disruption, disruptive demonstrations, obscene language/gestures, minor physical altercations, and disrespect combined accounted for 61.59 percent of all incidents in 2015-2016.

The most frequently reported incidents were defiance 21,838, classroom/campus disruption 17,153, disruptive demonstrations 17,081, minor physical altercation 13,854, using obscene inappropriate language/gestures 11,644, and disrespect/walking away 10,627. All incidents are also reported by school divisions grouped by Superintendents' regions in Appendix D.

Numbers ten and less are suppressed due to the personally identifiable nature of the information represented in this report. This includes all data including student counts, outcome counts, and incident counts.

Comparison of Incidents in 2015-2016 with 2014-2015 (Table 2)

Comparison of the most frequently reported incidents reported in 2015-2016 with incidents reported in 2014-2015 shows an increase in incidents of using obscene/inappropriate language/gestures 11,644 (569), fighting, no/minor injuries 7,082 (1,205), and physical altercations 13,854 (1,331). There were decreases in incidence of Disrespect/Walking Way 10,627 (-40), bullying 2,694 (-60), and use of tobacco 3,146 (-718).

Incidents against Students (Table 3)

A total of 9,900 incidents against students were reported, representing 6.61 percent of all incidents reflecting a decrease from 2014-2015 of -2.47 percent; or 251 incidents. Threat/intimidation constituted 42.63 percent (4,220); followed by Assault with No Weapon 29.26 percent (2,897) down -9.53 percent, bullying 27.21 percent (2,694) down -2.18 percent; physical assault with weapon .48 percent (48), and sexual battery 0.34 percent (34) down -12.82 percent from the previous year.

Incidents against School Staff (Table 4)

A total of 2,858 incidents against school staff members were reported in 2015-2016, representing 1.98 percent of all incidents reported. There were 114 fewer incidents, -3.84 percent against staff reported than in 2014-2015. Threat/intimidation against staff constituted 62.35 percent (1,782) of incidents followed by assault/battery without a weapon 37.19 percent (1,063) resulting in a decrease from the previous year of -21.49 percent.

Weapon Incidents (Tables 5 and 6)

A decrease in weapons incidents were reported in 2015-2016, -2.94 than reported in the previous year. A total of 2,178 weapons incidents were reported, representing 1.45 percent of all reported incidents. The category of knife possession (blade with more than three inches) represented 31.40 percent (684) of all weapons incidents, down from 2014-2015 by 36 incidents. Possession of razor blades/box cutters/knife (less than three inches) constituted 21.99 percent (479) showing 39 less incidents reported than in 2014-2015; and the category of other weapons was 17.16 percent (385). Incidents reported as “other weapons” involve instruments or objects to inflict harm on another person that do not fall within other offense definitions. Possession of toy or look-alike guns constituted 9.23 percent (201) of weapons incidents. Constituting a little more than five percent of weapons incidents was possession of fireworks/firecrackers/stink bombs (105). In 2015-2016 BB guns constituted 5.51 percent (120) of weapons incidents, ammunition incidents decreased to 2.94 percent (64) and possession of a chemical substance in 2014-2015 of 2.36 percent (53) decreased by -28.30 percent in 2015-2016 to 38 incidents.

An examination of the frequency of weapons incidents over the last two years (Table 6, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016) shows an overall decrease of 66 incidents. There were declines in eight different weapon categories.

Overall Disciplinary Outcomes (Table 7)

Disciplinary outcomes reported for all incidents in 2015-2016 totaled 168,915 an increase of 6,219 compared with the 162,272 reported in 2014-2015. The majority of disciplinary actions involved short-term suspensions 151,876 (89.91%). A total of 9,450 incidents at 5.59 percent involved no discipline action and a total of 4,389 incidents at 2.6 percent involved long-term suspensions. Modified expulsions represented 0.9 percent with 1,521 incidents. Special education in-school suspension, expulsions, and special education interim placements constituted less than one percent each. Types of disciplinary actions for all violations are reported in Table 7.

Decreases occurred in Modified Expulsions to Suspensions (-512) and Expulsions (-168). Most of the 151,876 short-term suspensions in 2015-2016 resulted from the twelve most frequently reported offenses. A majority of the offenses involved behavioral disruptions. The most frequently reported offenses resulting in short-term suspensions are summarized in Table 8. Most of the 4,389 long-term suspensions in 2015-2016 resulted from the fifteen most frequently reported offenses shown in Table 9. Most of the 381 expulsions in 2015-2016 resulted from the nineteen most frequently reported offenses shown in Table 10.

Disciplinary Outcomes for Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Offenses (Table 11)

In 2015-2016, a total of 7,130 disciplinary outcomes resulted from such offenses representing 4.22 percent of all 168,915 disciplinary actions. In 2014-2015, a total of 7,268 disciplinary outcomes resulted from alcohol, drug, and tobacco offenses, representing 4.48 percent of all 162,272 disciplinary actions. There were 138 less ATOD incidents then in the previous year. These outcomes are summarized in Tables 11, 12, and 13.

Disciplinary Outcomes for Weapons (Table 14)

There was a decrease in disciplinary outcomes resulting from weapons offenses; with the total of 1,417 representing 0.84 percent of all 168,915 disciplinary actions reported in 2015-2016. A total of 937 disciplinary outcomes were short-term suspensions, representing 66.13 percent of all disciplinary outcomes for weapons offenses. A total of 278 were long-term suspensions, representing 19.62 percent of all disciplinary outcomes for weapons offenses. A total of 78 outcomes were other actions taken other than suspensions or expulsions, representing 5.5 percent of all disciplinary outcomes for weapons offenses. A total of 69 disciplinary outcomes were modified expulsions, representing 4.87 percent of all disciplinary outcomes for weapons offenses. A total of 45 were expulsions, representing 3.18 percent of all disciplinary outcomes for weapons offenses. All disciplinary outcomes resulting from weapon offenses are summarized in Table 14.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Requirements for Reporting Incidents

The *Code of Virginia* (§ 22.1-279.3:1) requires school divisions statewide to submit data to VDOE on incidents of discipline, crime, and violence. These incidents include those that occur on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity. Section 22.1-279.3:1, *Code of Virginia*, is included in Appendix A of this report.

Two federal laws also require reporting of certain offenses. The *Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994* (GFSA, Sec. 14061) requires all states that receive federal funds to report annually the number of students suspended or expelled statewide for possessing or bringing firearms on school property. The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, known as the IDEA, contains requirements for reporting disciplinary actions involving students with disabilities. An excerpt of key provisions of the *GFSA* is included in Appendix A of this report.

Superintendent's Memo No. 52, December 21, 2006, states that the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requests data to be reported for children with disabilities subject to disciplinary removal starting with the school year 2006-2007. This data involves in-school suspension only for students with disabilities. That data is not included in this report.

Student Conduct Policy and DCV Reporting

Virginia law requires school boards to develop student conduct policies, typically referred to as "Codes of Conduct." Although local policies must be consistent with state and federal laws, such as the *Gun-Free Schools Act*, they are developed by local school boards and reflect differences in local concerns, priorities, and perspectives. These differences can affect both how certain conduct is classified (offense codes used) and the disciplinary sanctions imposed (disciplinary outcomes reported). Administrative discretion also contributes to differences in the classification of a behavior and the resulting disciplinary action.

Examples of how differences in student conduct policy and administrative discretion can affect reporting can be seen in two hypothetical incidents involving one student shoving another student: In the first incident, a sixth grader shoves another sixth grader while they are walking to the school cafeteria. In the second incident, a tenth grader shoves another tenth grader in the hallway during a change of classes. Although the behaviors are identical, the local student conduct policies and administrative discretion could result in different disciplinary outcomes. The incident involving the sixth grader could be viewed as an altercation and, unless it resulted in a suspension or expulsion, would not be required to be reported to VDOE. The incident involving the tenth grader could be deemed a fight or even an assault, depending on the circumstances. The altercation incident would be reported only if it resulted in a suspension; the assault offense would be required to be reported to VDOE regardless of disciplinary sanction. In both examples, local student conduct policies and administrative discretion would affect reporting.

DCV Reporting

Understanding Incidents, Offenses, and Disciplinary Outcomes

The DCV data is collected using an incident-based reporting system that is organized around events that may involve one or more offenses, may involve one or more students, and may result in multiple disciplinary outcomes. The following are key terms used in this report:

An **incident** is an *event* that may involve one or more offenses. An incident also may involve one or more students and may result in one or more disciplinary outcomes. Tables 1-6 in Section II and all tables in Section V illustrate incident counts by offense codes. An incident count is not equivalent to a student count, as one student could be involved in multiple incidents throughout the school year.

An **offense** is the problem *behavior* exhibited by the student(s). Nearly 140 offense codes are used to report different behaviors. Each offense has a unique code and a specific definition. Offense definitions and codes are included in this report in Appendix B.

A **disciplinary outcome** is the *sanction* imposed on a student for his/her misconduct. Types of outcomes reported are short-term suspension, long-term suspension, expulsion, modified expulsion, other sanctions, and special education interim placements. Tables 7-17 in Section III illustrate disciplinary counts. Disciplinary counts are numbers of sanctions determined by offense.

In 2014-2015, the overwhelming majority of incidents involved a single offense. For incidents that involve more than one offense, only the most serious offense is reported. For example, an incident involving two students fighting where one student is found in possession of cigarettes would be shown in this report as an incident of fighting. The incident would typically result in two disciplinary outcomes – one for each of the two students. All offenses that are required to be reported regardless of disciplinary outcome may be found in Appendix B. The disciplinary reporting requirement for each offense is noted.

The Reporting Process

The process of collecting and reporting DCV data begins within individual schools when incidents occur that violate the local code of student conduct. It is the responsibility of the school administrator to determine the appropriate offense code to be reported, based on the offense definition. Information is recorded about the incident, the student offenders, and the disciplinary outcomes.

The school division is responsible for reporting DCV data to VDOE. School divisions choose to submit DCV data using one of two available methods: (1) submission of a tab delimited electronic file; or (2) use of a web-based data submission application. School divisions using the first method collect and maintain discipline data in their own information systems and upload an electronic file to VDOE. School divisions using the second method may enter school division and school level data manually and directly into the VDOE database using the web-based data collection

application. A school division may select only one of the two methods available for data submission.

All school divisions have a designated DCV Coordinator who serves as the primary point of contact on matters related to DCV reporting. The DCV Coordinator serves as the data “steward,” ensuring that the process of data collection within the school division and the process of reporting data to VDOE operate well. Many school divisions have established teams that regularly review data being collected to detect and correct errors and to use the data in decision making related to discipline policy and school programming. There is a “verification” process whereby the school Superintendent indicates by signature that the information submitted is accurate.

The VDOE provides detailed instructions for data submission and ongoing technical assistance through workshops, web-based conferencing, telephone and email consultation, and site visits when requested. Edit checks have been created to assist school divisions in identifying and correcting errors in data before final submission. The VDOE works on an ongoing basis to improve the DCV data collection process and monitors changes in state and federal laws and regulations, as well as best practice standards, to ensure Virginia’s compliance with all reporting requirements.

Virginia’s reporting process employs a well-defined set of offense codes and data elements that are consistent with recommendations of the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Forum on Education Statistics. All reporting complies with state and federal confidentiality laws that prohibit disclosure of information on individual students. All offenses, including their definitions and the codes used are listed in Appendix B.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Virginia law prescribes minimum due process procedures for the suspension and expulsion of students. Definitions based on Virginia law are as follows:

Suspension is defined as the temporary denial of a student’s attendance at school. The duration of a short-term suspension is ten days or less. A long-term suspension is defined as more than ten days but less than 365 calendar days (§ 22.1-277.01, *Code of Virginia*).

Expulsion is defined as the permanent denial of a student’s attendance at school. A student who is expelled by a school board is ineligible for readmission for 365 calendar days after the date of the expulsion (§ 22.1-277.01, *Code of Virginia*).

Suspension or expulsion, or both, may be used as disciplinary measures when local school authorities determine that such actions meet the following criteria:

- An appropriate disciplinary sanction for a violation of the student code of conduct has been chosen

- Appropriate to prevent disruption of the school’s learning environment, programs, or activities
- Appropriate to ensure the safety and welfare of the student, other students, and/or staff
- Appropriate to maintain a safe, drug-free, and orderly school environment conducive to learning

School board policies may identify criteria relating to suspensions and expulsions that are more stringent than the criteria listed above, as long as they do not violate other state and federal laws. Removal of students with disabilities must be in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. A local policy may permit or require students who are long-term suspended or expelled to attend an alternative education program.

Although there are uniform requirements and procedures governing the suspension and expulsion of students, local student conduct policies vary. These differences affect the way that offenses and disciplinary actions are reported. The *Student Conduct Policy Guidelines*, adopted by the Virginia Board of Education are available from VDOE and may be downloaded from http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/student_conduct/index.shtml.

Learning More about DCV Reporting

Safe Schools Information Resource

The Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR) website was established by the VDOE (<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/>), to provide user-friendly access to the discipline, crime, and violence (DCV) data that is collected yearly from all Virginia school divisions and all regional centers and programs. This website makes DCV data available for the most recent five years. Reports may be generated in various categories according to the user’s selections.

SSIR reports are designed to provide an overview and trends over time of the information available. Each report area provides a “Big Picture” view and allows “Drilling” down in the data. There are six areas of information available via SSIR:

- Information about *Incident Frequency* in schools
- Information about *Offense Frequency* in schools
- Information about *Student Offenders*
- Information about *Repeat Offenders*
- Information about *Non-Student Offenders*
- Information about the *Disciplinary Outcomes* that result from the student offenses

Offense and Incident types reported in the SSIR are coded and grouped into offense categories. These offense categories are aligned according to severity of offense. There are nine categories:

- Weapons Related Offenses
- Offenses Against Students
- Offenses Against Staff

- Offenses Against Persons
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Property Offenses
- Disorderly Disruptive Behavior
- Technology Offenses
- Other Offenses

Use of DCV Data for School Report Cards

The *Virginia School Report Card* provides information on student achievement, accreditation, safety, and attendance for the state as a whole, for school divisions, and for individual schools. The *Report Card* enables parents and the general public to follow Virginia’s progress in achieving the goals of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* and can be accessed on the VDOE website at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/school_report_card/index.shtml.

Users of the Virginia School Report Card website use the nine categories referenced in the VDOE Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR). All DCV data for the most recent five years is available in a variety of reports that can be tailored to SSIR user selections from this website.

Use of DCV Data to Identify Persistently Dangerous Schools

In Virginia, a “persistently dangerous school” is one that exceeds a threshold of offense incidents over a three-year period as established by the Virginia Board of Education’s *Persistently Dangerous Schools Identification Process and Criteria* at the following http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2004/adm051.html.

A school that exceeds its established threshold for **three consecutive years** is designated as a “persistently dangerous school.” In year one the school is in “caution” status and in year two the school is “on probation.” Schools so designated must develop corrective action plans and are subject to graduated interventions.

Each state receiving funds under the federal *Every Student Succeeds Act 2015* is required to establish and implement a statewide policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous school be allowed to attend a safe school. The Virginia Board of Education’s “Unsafe School Choice Option” policy was adopted in May 2002. Virginia’s “Unsafe School Choice Option” policy can be accessed on the Virginia Department of Education website http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2003/inf086.html. Offense codes and the points system employed to identify persistently dangerous schools are listed in Appendix C.

Limitations of Data

Limitations of data presented in this report arise from three primary sources: (1) changes in reporting requirements across time; (2) variations in local methods of collecting and managing data; and (3) variations in local student conduct policies and programming across school divisions.

Changes in Reporting Requirements

Because of year-to-year changes in reporting requirements, readers are advised to use great caution in comparing 2015-2016 data to data reported for previous years. Readers should take into consideration changes in reporting requirements when examining year-to-year data.

A number of changes in DCV reporting requirements and refinements in the reporting procedures have occurred since school divisions first began reporting data to the VDOE in 1991. Numerous reporting changes have been made in response to amendments to federal and state laws that have affected reporting requirements. Other changes have been made to bring Virginia's reporting process in line with federal standards and to make better use of available technology.

Variations in Local Methods of Collecting and Managing Data

Although Division Superintendents verify the accuracy of DCV data submitted to the VDOE, there are variations in local methods of collecting and managing data that may affect the data. Variations are inherent in the process. Readers are cautioned against making comparisons between and among school divisions without taking into account local variations in the internal methods used to collect, code, and manage data. Readers interested in examining data from a particular school division should talk with division administrators to learn the "story behind the numbers." Although this report summarizes the numbers reported by school divisions, it does not provide explanations for local information.

Variations in Local Student Conduct Policies and Programming

In addition to variations in local methods of collecting and managing data, variations in student conduct policies and in school programming across school divisions and across schools can affect DCV data reported. Local codes of student conduct can affect how certain conduct is classified (offense codes used) and the disciplinary sanctions imposed (disciplinary outcomes reported). The availability of disciplinary options (e.g., in-school suspension, Saturday detention), offender intervention programs, and alternative programs can influence the final disciplinary outcomes employed and reported. Readers are cautioned against making comparisons between and among school divisions without taking into account differences in student conduct policies and related programming.

A Note to Readers

This report makes extensive reference to "offenses" and to "offense codes." The reader should review and make use of information about the definitions and classifications of offenses provided in Appendix B. Familiarity with offense definitions will greatly enhance the reader's understanding of the data reported.

II. INCIDENTS REPORTED IN 2015-2016

Statewide Totals

The DCV data reported in 2015-2016 is based on submission from all school divisions within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Data for regional centers and programs is presented in Section VI.

Defiance, classroom or campus disruption, disruptive demonstrations, minor physical altercations, using obscene language or gestures, and disrespect combined accounted for 61.59 percent of all reported incidents in 2015-2016.

Table 1 reports the frequency of all types of incidents. Table 2 compares incidents in 2015-2016 with incidents in 2014-2015.

Table 1. All Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	21,838	14.59
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	17,153	11.46
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	17,081	11.41
Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	13,854	9.25
Using Obscene/Inappropriate Language/Gestures	D6C	11,644	7.78
Disrespect/Walking Away	D1C	10,627	7.1
Fighting: Mutual Contact--No/Minor Injuries, No Medical attn.	FA2	7,082	4.73
Minor Insubordination	D8C	4,870	3.25
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	4,220	2.82
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in these codes	S3V	4,133	2.76
Harassment	HR1	3,695	2.47
Tobacco	TB1	3,146	2.1
Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	2,897	1.94
Cellular Telephones	C2M	2,780	1.86
Bullying	BU1	2,694	1.8
Theft Offenses (except motor vehicles)	TH1	2,357	1.57
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	1,860	1.24
Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal thread)	TI1	1,782	1.19
Attendance	A1T	1,714	1.14
Assault/Battery against student without injury	BA6	1,153	0.77
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	1,063	0.71

Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Student	SX2	1,008	0.67
Vandalism	VA1	950	0.63
Sexual Harassment	SX0	773	0.52
Drug Violations Schedule III-VI Poss./Sale/Dist./ Paraphernalia	DR5	740	0.49
Alcohol	AL1	740	0.49
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	684	0.46
Misrepresentation (altering notes, false information, cheating, etc.)	S2V	655	0.44
Inappropriate Personal Property (food/beverage, clothing, toys, etc.)	S1V	639	0.43
Tobacco Paraphernalia to school events	T4B	506	0.34
Bringing Razor Blades/Box Cutters/Knife less than 3 inches to school event	W8P	479	0.32
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	385	0.26
electronic cigarette (possession, use, sale, distribution)	TB2	352	0.24
Inciting a Riot	RT1	346	0.23
Unauthorized Use of Technology and/or Information	T1C	326	0.22
Sexual Offenses Without Force	SX7	285	0.19
Possession of Obscene/Disruptive Literature/Illustrations	D4C	265	0.18
Violations of Acceptable Usage Policy	T3C	242	0.16
Drug Violations Schedule I and II Anabolic Steroid, Marijuana sale, distribution	DR4	219	0.15
Bomb Threat	BB1	205	0.14
Bringing a Toy/Look-Alike Gun to School/School Event	W3P	201	0.13
Cyber Bullying	BU2	199	0.13
Electronic Devices (radios, tape players, etc.)	C3M	187	0.12
Trespassing	TR1	173	0.12
Over-the-Counter Medication Possession	D5G	171	0.11
Possession of a BB gun	WP0	120	0.08
Gang Activity	GA1	115	0.08
Drug violation--look a-like--use/poss.	DR2	110	0.07
Bringing Fireworks/Explosives to School/School Event	W9P	105	0.07

Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent
Violations of Internet Policy	T4C	86	0.06
Arson	AR1	73	0.05
Over-the-Counter Medication Use	D4G	72	0.05
Malicious Wounding without a weapon	BA5	53	0.04
Over-the-Counter Medication Sale/Distribution	D6G	58	0.04
Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event	W1P	64	0.04
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Staff	SX1	53	0.04
Possession of Taser	WT1	40	0.03
Assault Against Student--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA3	48	0.03
Possession of Weapons/Chemical Substance	W2P	38	0.03
Causing/Attempting to Cause Damage to Computer Hardware, software, files	T2C	45	0.03
Possession of Inhalants	D15	23	0.02
Theft or Attempted Theft of Student Prescription Medication	DR3	26	0.02
Gambling	G1B	30	0.02
Sexual Battery against Student	SB2	34	0.02
Theft of Motor Vehicle	TH2	11	0.01
Robbery	RO1	13	0.01
Extortion	EX1	14	0.01
Use of Inhalants	D16	13	0.01
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	BR1	*	*
Assault against Staff--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA1	*	*
Possession of Stun Gun	WS1	11	0.01
Other Firearms (firearms other than handguns, rifles/shotguns)	WP8	15	0.01
Bringing Other Weapon, Designed/May Be Converted to expel projectile	WP4	*	*
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1	*	*
Possession or Representation of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP6	*	*
Bringing a Rifle/Shotgun to School/School Event	WP2	*	*
Hazing	H1Z	*	*
Sexual Battery against Staff	SB1	*	*
Stalking	ST1	*	*

Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent
Forcible Rape Against Student	SX4	*	*
Attempted Rape Against Student	SX6	*	*
Sexual Battery Against Student	SX8	*	*
	Total	149,714	100.03

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Changes in Frequency of Incidents

Behavior incidents (defiance, classroom/campus disruption, disruptive demonstrations, minor physical altercation, using obscene language/gestures, and disrespect) constitute 61.59 percent (92,197) of the total 149,714 incidents.

Table 2. Comparison of Incident Counts by Offense from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	2014-2015 Count	2014-2015 Percent of all Incidents	2015-2016 Count	2015-2016 Percent of all Incidents	Change from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	22,388	15.4	21,838	14.59	-550
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	17,450	12	17,153	11.46	-297
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	15,894	10.93	17,081	11.41	1187
Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	12,523	8.61	13,854	9.25	1331
Using Obscene/Inappropriate Language/Gestures	D6C	11,075	7.62	11,644	7.78	569
Disrespect/Walking Away	D1C	10,667	7.34	10,627	7.1	-40
Fighting: Mutual Contact--No/Minor Injuries	FA2	5,877	4.04	7,082	4.73	1205
Minor Insubordination	D8C	4,812	3.31	4,870	3.25	58
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	4,110	2.83	4,220	2.82	110
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in these codes	S3V	4,046	2.78	4,133	2.76	87
Harassment	HR1	3,522	2.42	3,695	2.47	173
Tobacco	TB1	3,864	2.66	3,146	2.1	-718

Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	3,202	2.2	2,897	1.94	-305
Cellular Telephones	C2M	2,664	1.83	2,780	1.86	116
Bullying	BU1	2,754	1.89	2,694	1.8	-60
Theft Offenses (except motor vehicles)	TH1	2,527	1.74	2,357	1.57	-170
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	1,778	1.22	1,860	1.24	82
Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal threat)	TI1	1,612	1.11	1,782	1.19	170
Attendance	A1T	1,420	0.98	1,714	1.14	294
Assault/Battery against student without injury	BA6	45	0.03	1,153	0.77	1108
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	1,354	0.93	1,063	0.71	-291
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Student	SX2	981	0.67	1,008	0.67	27
Vandalism	VA1	984	0.68	950	0.63	-34
Sexual Harassment	SX0	757	0.52	773	0.52	16
Drug Violations Schedule III-VI Poss./Sale/Dist./Paraphernalia	DR5	720	0.5	740	0.49	20
Alcohol	AL1	696	0.48	740	0.49	44
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	720	0.5	684	0.46	-36
Misrepresentation (altering notes, false information, cheating, etc.)	S2V	653	0.45	655	0.44	2
Inappropriate Personal Property (food/beverage, clothing, toys, etc.)	S1V	610	0.42	639	0.43	29
Tobacco Paraphernalia to school events	T4B	636	0.44	506	0.34	-130
Bringing Razor Blades/Box Cutters/Knife less than 3 inches to school event	W8P	518	0.36	479	0.32	-39
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	385	0.26	385	0.26	*
electronic cigarette (possession, use, sale, distribution)	TB2	*	*	352	0.24	352

Inciting a Riot	RT1	384	0.26	346	0.23	-38
Unauthorized Use of Technology and/or Information	T1C	303	0.21	326	0.22	23
Sexual Offenses Without Force	SX7	294	0.2	285	0.19	-9
Possession of Obscene/Disruptive Literature/Illustrations	D4C	332	0.23	265	0.18	-67
Violations of Acceptable Usage Policy	T3C	203	0.14	242	0.16	39
Drug Violations Schedule I and II Anabolic Steroid, Marijuana sale/distribution	DR4	213	0.15	219	0.15	6
Bomb Threat	BB1	189	0.13	205	0.14	16
Bringing a Toy/Look-Alike Gun to School/School Event	W3P	204	0.14	201	0.13	-3
Cyber Bullying	BU2	195	0.13	199	0.13	4
Electronic Devices (radios, tape players, etc.)	C3M	197	0.14	187	0.12	-10
Trespassing	TR1	162	0.11	173	0.12	11
Over-the-Counter Medication Possession	D5G	178	0.12	171	0.11	-7
Possession of a BB gun	WP0	119	0.08	120	0.08	1
Gang Activity	GA1	114	0.08	115	0.08	1
Drug violation-- look a-like-- use/poss.	DR2	138	0.09	110	0.07	-28
Bringing Fireworks/Explosives to School/School Event	W9P	104	0.07	105	0.07	1
Violations of Internet Policy	T4C	82	0.06	86	0.06	4
Arson	AR1	59	0.04	73	0.05	14
Over-the-Counter Medication Use	D4G	56	0.04	72	0.05	16
Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event	W1P	71	0.05	64	0.04	-7
Over-the-Counter Medication Sale/Distribution	D6G	61	0.04	58	0.04	-3
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Staff	SX1	71	0.05	53	0.04	-18

Malicious Wounding without a weapon	BA5	24	0.02	53	0.04	29
Assault Against Student--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA3	36	0.02	48	0.03	12
Causing/Attempting to Cause Damage to Computer Hardware	T2C	44	0.03	45	0.03	1
Possession of Taser	WT1	16	0.01	40	0.03	24
Possession of Weapons/Chemical Substance	W2P	53	0.04	38	0.03	-15
Sexual Battery against Student	SB2	39	0.03	34	0.02	-5
Gambling	G1B	31	0.02	30	0.02	-1
Theft or Attempted Theft of Student Prescription Medication	DR3	36	0.02	26	0.02	-10
Possession of Inhalants	D15	19	0.01	23	0.02	4
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1	20	0.01	18	0.01	-2
Other Firearms (firearms other than handguns, rifles/shotguns)	WP8	*	*	15	*	*
Extortion	EX1	13	0.01	14	0.01	1
Use of Inhalants	D16	22	0.02	13	0.01	-9
Robbery	RO1	*	*	13	0.01	*
Assault against Staff--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA1	*	*	12	0.01	*
Theft of Motor Vehicle	TH2	12	0.01	11	0.01	-1
Possession of Stun Gun	WS1	*	*	11	0.01	*
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	BR1	*	*	*	*	*
Bringing Other Weapon, Designed/May Be Converted to expel	WP4	*	*	*	*	*
Bringing a Rifle/Shotgun to School/School Event	WP2	*	*	*	*	*
Possession or Representation of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP6	*	*	*	*	*

Hazing	H1Z	*	*	*	*	*
Attempted Rape Against Student	SX6	*	*	*	*	*
Sexual Battery Against Student	SX8	*	*	*	*	*
Stalking	ST1	*	*	*	*	*
Forcible Rape Against Student	SX4	*	*	*	*	*
Sexual Battery against Staff	SB1	*	*	*	*	*
Beepers	C1M	*	*	*	*	*
	Total	145,413	100.01	149,714	100.03	

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Table 3. Comparison of Incidents against Students, 2014-2015 to 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	2014-2015 Count	2014-2015 Percent	2015-2016 Count	2015-2016 Percent
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	4,110	40.49	4,220	42.63
Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	3,202	31.54	2,897	29.26
Bullying	BU1	2,754	27.13	2,694	27.21
Assault Against Student--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA3	36	0.35	48	0.48
Sexual Battery against Student	SB2	39	0.38	34	0.34
Sexual Battery Against Student	SX8	*	*	*	*
Stalking	ST1	*	*	*	*
Forcible Rape Against Student	SX4	*	*	*	*

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Table 4. Comparison of Incidents against School Staff, 2014-2015 to 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	2014-2015 Count	2014-2015 Percent	2015-2016 Count	2015-2016 Percent
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Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal threat)	TI1	1,612	54.24	1,782	62.35
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	1,354	45.56	1,063	37.19
Assault against Staff-- Firearm or Other Weapon	BA1	*	*	12	0.42
Sexual Battery against Staff	SB1	*	*	*	*

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Table 5. Weapon Incidents, 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	684	50.48
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	385	28.41
Possession of a BB gun	WP0	120	8.86
Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event	W1P	64	4.72
Possession of Taser	WT1	40	2.95
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1	18	1.33
Other Firearms (firearms other than handguns, rifles/shotguns)	WP8	15	1.11
Possession of Stun Gun	WS1	11	0.81
Bringing Other Weapon, Designed/May Be Converted to..	WP4	*	*
Bringing a Rifle/Shotgun to School/School Event	WP2	*	*
Possession or Representation of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP6	*	*

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Table 6. Comparison of Weapon Incidents, 2014-2015 to 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	2014-2015 Count	2015-2016 Count	Change from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016	Percentage Change from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016
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Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	720	684	-36	-5
Bringing Razor Blades/Box Cutters/Knife less than 3 inches	W8P	518	479	-39	-7.53
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	385	385	0	0
Bringing a Toy/Look-Alike Gun to School/School Event	W3P	204	201	-3	-1.47
Possession of a BB gun	WP0	119	120	1	0.84
Bringing Fireworks/Explosives to School/School Event	W9P	104	105	1	0.96
Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event	W1P	71	64	-7	-9.86
Possession of Weapons/Chemical Substance	W2P	53	38	-15	-28.3
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1	20	18	-2	-10
Possession of Taser	WT1	16	40	24	150
Possession of Stun Gun	WS1	*	11	*	*
Possessing or Bringing other weapon that may be convert/mod. to expel projectile	WP4	*	*	*	*
Bringing a Rifle/Shotgun to School/School Event	WP2	*	*	*	*
Possession or Representation of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP6	*	*	*	*
Other Firearms (firearms other than handguns, rifles/shotguns)	WP8	*	15	*	*

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III. DISCIPLINARY OUTCOMES

Disciplinary Outcomes for All Incidents

Disciplinary outcomes reported for all incidents in 2015-2016 totaled 168,915. The majority of disciplinary actions involved short-term suspensions 151,876, 89.91 percent. A total of 9,450 incidents at 5.59 percent involved no discipline action and a total of 4,389 incidents at 2.6 percent involved long-term suspensions. Special education in-school suspension involved 1,269 incidents at 0.75 percent. Modified expulsions, expulsions, and special education interim placements constituted less than one percent each. Types of disciplinary actions for all violations are reported below in Table 7.

**Table 7. Disciplinary Action for All Incidents, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016
Disciplinary Outcomes for Most Frequently Reported Incidents**

Type	2014-2015 Disciplinary Outcomes		2015-2016 Disciplinary Outcomes	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL)	145,657	89.76	151,876	89.91
NONE	8,823	5.44	9,450	5.59
LONG-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT-OF-SCHOOL)	4,156	2.56	4,389	2.6
MODIFIED EXPULSION TO SUSPENSION	2,033	1.25	1,521	0.9
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION	1,027	0.63	1,269	0.75
EXPULSION	549	0.34	381	0.23
SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERIM PLACEMENT-LEA	25	0.02	29	0.02
SPECIAL ED INTERIM PLACEMENT-OFFICER	*	*	*	*

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This section examines disciplinary outcomes resulting from the most frequently reported incidents. To reiterate the relationship of incidents and disciplinary outcomes, a single incident may involve multiple students and result in multiple disciplinary outcomes. For example, a fight involving four students and resulting in four suspensions would be reported as a single incident with four offenders and four disciplinary outcomes.

Short-Term Suspensions

The majority of the 151,876 short-term suspensions in 2015-2016 resulted from the twelve most frequently reported offenses, with many involving behavioral disruptions. The most frequently reported offenses resulting in short-term suspensions are summarized in Table 8.

Table 8. Twelve Most Frequently Reported Offenses Resulting in Short-Term Suspensions, 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	Counts	Unique Offenders count	Percent of all 151,876 Short-Term Suspensions
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	22,868	15,138	15.06
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	18,150	13,310	11.95
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	17,706	12,511	11.66
Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	16,388	13,986	10.79
Fighting: Mutual Contact--No/Minor Injuries, No Med Attn.	FA2	12,705	11,599	8.37
Using Obscene/Inappropriate Language/Gestures	D6C	11,991	9,734	7.90
Disrespect/Walking Away	D1C	10,808	8,412	7.12
Minor Insubordination	D8C	5,175	3,885	3.41
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in These Codes	S3V	4,219	3,582	2.78
Cellular Telephones	C2M	2,915	2,257	1.92
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	2,623	2,469	1.73
Theft Offenses (except motor vehicles)	TH1	2,452	2,261	1.61
	Total	128,000	99,144	84.30

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Long-Term Suspensions

Most of the 4,389 long-term suspensions in 2015-2016 resulted from the fifteen most frequently reported offenses shown below in Table 9. The most frequently reported offense resulting in long-term suspension was Disruptive Demonstrations at 10.14 percent.

Table 9. Fifteen Most Frequently Reported Offenses Resulting in Long-Term Suspensions, 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	Counts	Unique Offenders count	Percent of all 4,389 Long-Term Suspensions
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	445	431	10.14
Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	402	391	9.16
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	256	251	5.83
Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal threat)	T11	254	246	5.79
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	209	208	4.76
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	207	198	4.72
Fighting: Mutual Contact--No/Minor Injuries, No Med Attn.	FA2	202	199	4.6
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	193	192	4.4
Using Obscene/Inappropriate Language/Gestures	D6C	177	171	4.03
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	T12	160	160	3.65
Disrespect/Walking Away	D1C	135	133	3.08
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	134	134	3.05
Drug Violations Schedule III-VI Poss./Sale/Dist./Paraphernalia	DR5	132	127	3.01
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in These Codes	S3V	117	117	2.67
Alcohol	AL1	97	83	2.21
	Total	3,120	3,041	71.1

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Expulsions

Most of the 381 expulsions in 2015-2016 resulted from the nineteen most frequently reported offenses shown below in Table 10. Use/possession of Schedule I or II Drugs was the most frequently reported offense at 14.96 percent, a decrease of 168 incidents from the previous year. Schedule I and II Drugs include substances such as marijuana, anabolic steroid, and LSD.

**Table 10. Nineteen Most Frequently Reported Offenses Resulting In Expulsions
2015-2016**

Offenses	Offense Codes	Counts	Unique Offenders count	Percent of all 381 Expulsions
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	57	56	14.96
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	35	35	9.19
Drug Violations Schedule I and II Anabolic Steroid, Marijuana-- Sale/Dist.	DR4	30	30	7.87
Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	27	27	7.09
Drug Violations Schedule III-VI Poss./Sale/Dist./ Paraphernalia	DR5	26	24	6.82
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	18	18	4.72
Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal thread)	TI1	14	14	3.67
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	13	13	3.41
Alcohol	AL1	12	*	*
Fighting: Mutual Contact--No/Minor Injuries, No Med Attn.	FA2	12	12	3.15
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	*	*	*
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1	*	*	*
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	*	*	*
Possession of a BB gun	WP0	*	*	*
Bomb Threat	BB1	*	*	*
Vandalism	VA1	*	*	*
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	*	*	*
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in These Codes	S3V	*	*	*
Sexual Offenses Without Force	SX7	*	*	*

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Disciplinary Outcomes for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Offenses

This section focuses on disciplinary outcomes resulting from alcohol, drug, and tobacco offenses. In 2015-2016, a total of 7,130 disciplinary outcomes resulted from alcohol, drug, and tobacco offenses, representing 4.2 percent of all 168,915 disciplinary actions.

Disciplinary outcomes resulting from alcohol, tobacco, and drug violations are summarized in Tables 11, 12, and 13.

Table 11. Disciplinary Outcomes Resulting From Alcohol Offenses 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

Type	2014-2015 Disciplinary Outcomes		2015-2016 Disciplinary Outcomes	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL)	691	73.9	737	72.9
NONE	96	10.27	121	11.97
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION	*	*	*	*
LONG-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT-OF-SCHOOL)	93	9.95	97	9.59
MODIFIED EXPULSION TO SUSPENSION	34	3.64	37	3.66
EXPULSION	13	1.39	12	1.19

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Table 12. Disciplinary Outcomes Resulting From Tobacco Offenses 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

Type	2014-2015 Disciplinary Outcomes		2015-2016 Disciplinary Outcomes	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL)	2,787	64.65	2,574	64.08
NONE	1,202	27.88	1,139	28.35
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION	198	4.59	194	4.83
MODIFIED EXPULSION TO SUSPENSION	82	1.9	57	1.42
LONG-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT-OF-SCHOOL)	37	0.86	49	1.22
EXPULSION	*	*	*	*

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Table 13. Disciplinary Outcomes Resulting From Drug Offenses 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

Type	2014-2015 Disciplinary Outcomes		2015-2016 Disciplinary Outcomes	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
MODIFIED EXPULSION TO SUSPENSION	1,057	52.27	949	45.15
SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL)	641	31.7	811	38.58
LONG-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT-OF-SCHOOL)	164	8.11	167	7.94
NONE	66	3.26	112	5.33
EXPULSION	68	3.36	41	1.95
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION	16	0.79	12	0.57
SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERIM PLACEMENT-LEA	*	*	*	*

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Disciplinary Outcomes for Weapons Offenses

A total of 1,417 disciplinary outcomes resulted from weapons offenses, representing 0.84 percent of all 168,915 disciplinary actions reported in 2015-2016. All disciplinary outcomes resulting from weapon offenses are summarized in Table 14.

Table 14. Disciplinary Outcomes Resulting From Weapons Offenses 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

Type	2014-2015 Disciplinary Outcomes		2015-2016 Disciplinary Outcomes	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL)	912	64.32	937	66.13
LONG-TERM SUSPENSION (OUT-OF-SCHOOL)	270	19.04	278	19.62
NONE	87	6.14	78	5.5
MODIFIED EXPULSION TO SUSPENSION	79	5.57	69	4.87
EXPULSION	54	3.81	45	3.18
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION	12	0.85	*	*
SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERIM PLACEMENT-LEA	*	*	*	*

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Disciplinary Actions in Lieu of Expulsions for Weapon and Drug Offenses

Section 22.1-277.08 of the *Code of Virginia* states, “School boards shall expel from school attendance any student whom such school board has determined, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this article, to have brought a controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or marijuana on to school property or to a school-sponsored event. State law, however, permits a school board to establish policies and related guidelines for determining whether “special circumstances” exist that would allow for another disciplinary action, based on the facts of a particular situation. School boards are authorized to consider factors listed in § 22.1-277.0 *Code of Virginia*, in determining “special circumstances,” in particular cases that would justify another disciplinary action. The disciplinary action “modified expulsion” is reported when a school board expels a student in accordance with state law, but then exercises its authority to modify the expulsion.

Modified expulsions for drug and weapons offenses in 2015-2016 are reported in Table 15 and 2014-2015 in Table 16. There were 452 less modified expulsions in 2015-2016 than the previous 2014-2015 school year.

Table 15. Disciplinary Actions In Lieu of Expulsions 2015-2016

Offenses	Offense Codes	No Action Taken	Short Term Suspension	Long Term Suspension	Total
Bringing a Rifle/Shotgun to School/School Event	WP2			*	*
Possession or Representation of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP6				0
Use of Any Destructive Bomb Device	WP7				0
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	122	379	352	853
Drug Violations Schedule I and II Anabolic Steroid, Marijuana--Sale/Dist.	DR4	*	35	62	*
Other Firearms (firearms other than handguns, rifles/shotguns)	WP8		*		*
Bringing a Handgun to School/School Event	WP1		*	*	*
Bringing Other Weapon, Designed/May Be Converted to Expel	WP4		*		*

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IV. VIOLATIONS REPORTED AS PART OF *GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT* REQUIREMENTS

The *Gun Free Schools Act* (GFSA) states, “Each State receiving Federal funds under any title of this Act shall have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than 1 year a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to a school, or to have possessed a firearm at a school, under the jurisdiction of local educational agencies in that State, except that such State law shall allow the chief administering officer of a local educational agency to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis if such modification is in writing.”

The GFSA also requires school divisions to refer these students to local criminal or juvenile justice officials. All states, including Virginia, have enacted provisions related to the GFSA (Reference: §22.1-277.07, § 22.1-279.3:1, *Code of Virginia* 2015).

Firearm Incidents Reported as Part of the Gun-Free Schools Act Report

A total of 53 firearms incidents were reported in the Gun Free Schools Act Report for both 2015-2016 and 2014-2015.

Table 17. Comparison Gun Free Schools Act by Grade Levels 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

School Level	2014-2015				2015-2016			
	Handguns	Rifle/Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total	Handguns	Rifle/Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Junior High School	*	*	*	12	*	*	*	14
Senior High School	17	*	*	34	16	*	*	32
Total	28	*	*	53	20	*	*	53

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About Gun-Free Schools Act Reporting

Firearms violations required to be reported to the U.S. Department of Education as part of *Gun Free Schools Act* are as follows:

- (WP1) Possession of a handgun
- (WP2) Possession of a rifle/shotgun
- (WP8) Possession of other firearm
- (WP4) Possession of other weapon designed to be a projectile
- (WP6) Possession of an explosive device
- (WP7) Use of an explosive device

Please refer to Appendix B for definitions of these offense codes. Under GFSA, Virginia reports the six violations listed above by grade level. For purposes of GFSA reporting, grade levels are defined as follows:

Elementary school: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1 through 6
 Junior high school: Grades 7 through 9
 High school: Grades 10 through 12, ungraded, and post-graduate

V. REGIONAL DATA

In this section, data results are presented for each of the Superintendents’ Regional Study Groups and for each school division within the regions. For each region, the report includes demographic data; data on the most frequent incidents of discipline, crime, and violence; and data for major offense codes organized by school division. Table 18 lists specific offense codes for the major offense categories that are reported in this section.

Table 18. Major Offenses Reported

Offense Category	Offense Code
Aggravated Sexual Battery	SX8
Alcohol	AL1
Altercations	F1T
Arson	AR1
Attendance	A1T
Battery Against Staff w/o Weapon	BA1, BA2
Battery Against Student w/o Weapon	BA3, BA4
Electronic Devices/Beepers	C1M
Breaking and Entering	BR1
Bringing Tobacco Paraphernalia to School	T4B
Bullying/Cyber Bullying	BU1, BU2
Causing Damage to Computer	T2C
Electronic Devices/Cellular Phones	C2M
Classroom/Campus Disruption	D5C
Defiance	D2C
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C
Disrespect	D1C
Drug Violations	DR1, DR2, DR3, DR4, DR5
Extortion	EX1
Fighting w/o Injury	FA2
Gambling	G1B
Gang Activity	GA1
Handgun, Rifle/Shotgun and Other Firearms	WP1, WP2, WP8

Offense Category	Offense Code
Harassment	HR1
Hazing	H1Z
Homicide	HO1, HO2, HO3, HO4
Inappropriate Personal Property	S1V
Inciting a Riot	RT1
Kidnapping	KI1
Malicious Wounding	BA5
Assault/Battery w/o Injury	BA6
Minor Insubordination	D8C
Misrepresentations	S2V
Obscene Language/Gestures	D6C
Obscene/Disruptive Literature	D4C
Offensive Sexual Touching/All	SX1, SX2
Other Electronic Devices	C3M
Other School Violations	S3V
Other Weapons, and Explosive Devices	WP0, WP4, WP5, WP6, WP7, WP9, W1P, W2P
Possession of Taser/Stun Gun	WT1, WS1
Possession of Razor Blades, Box Cutters, Knife (less than 3 inches)	W8P
Possession of a Toy or look-alike Gun	W3P
Possession or Use of Inhalants	D15, D16
Possession of Fireworks	W9P
Poss./Use/Sale/Dist. Over-Counter Med.	D4G, D5G, D6G
Robbery Using Force	RO1
School Threat	BB1
Sexual Assault	SX3, SX4, SX5, SX6
Sexual Battery	SB1, SB2
Sexual Harassment	SX0
Sexual Offenses	SX7
Stalking	ST1
Theft	TH1, TH2
Threat	TI1, TI2
Tobacco Products	TB1
Electronic Cigarette	TB2
Trespassing	TR1
Unauthorized Use of Technology	T1C
Vandalism	VA1
Violations of Acceptable Use Policy	T3C
Violations of the Internet Policy	T4C

Region I



Charles City County
Chesterfield County
Colonial Heights City
Dinwiddie County
Goochland County
Hanover County
Henrico County
Hopewell City

New Kent County
Petersburg City
Powhatan County
Prince George County
Richmond City
Surry County
Sussex County

Region I Demographic Information

Region I	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Charles City County	2	719	72
Chesterfield County	64	59,659	4,421
Colonial Heights City	6	2,795	261
Dinwiddie County	7	4,418	346
Goochland County	5	2,567	232
Hanover County	26	18,061	1,539
Henrico County	81	51,534	3,503
Hopewell City	8	4,376	332
New Kent County	5	3,042	240
Petersburg City	9	4,282	366
Powhatan County	7	4,270	345
Prince George County	8	6,455	450
Richmond City	52	23,987	1,631
Surry County	3	837	108
Sussex County	3	1,066	106
Totals	286	188,068	13,952

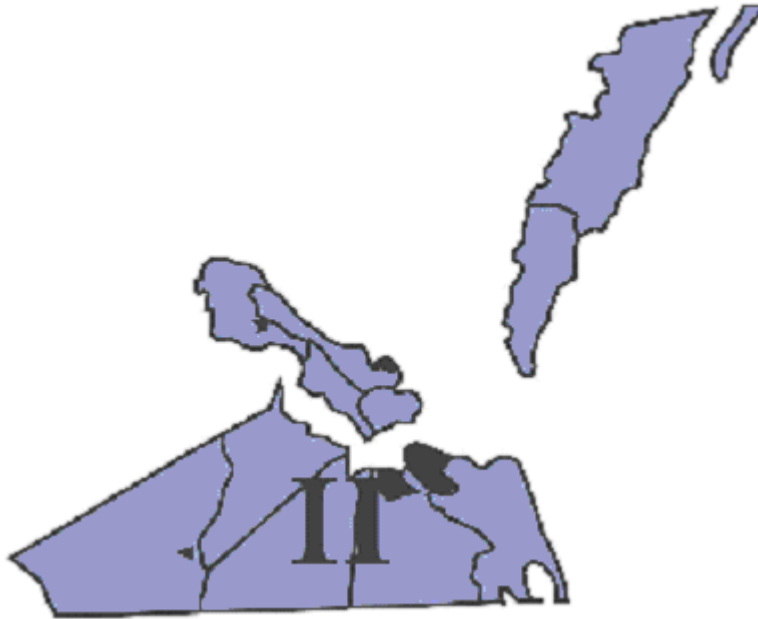
Region I Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

In Region I, a total of 23,069 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were disruptive demonstrations, defiance, classroom and campus disruption, and minor physical altercations. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region I are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region I

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	4,593	19.91
2	Defiance	D2C	4,973	21.56
3	Minor Physical Altercations	F1T	3,553	15.40
4	Classroom/Campus Disruption	D5C	3,190	13.83
5	Fighting w/o Injury	FA2	1,503	6.52
6	Disrespect	D1C	1,380	5.98
7	Battery Against Student w/o Weapon	BA3, BA4	678	2.94
8	Attendance	A1T	624	2.70
9	Bullying/Cyber-bullying	BU1	537	2.33
10	Cellular Phones	C2M	401	1.74
Total Top 10 Offenses			21,432	
Total of All Offenses			23,069	

Region II



Accomack County
Chesapeake City
Franklin City
Hampton City
Isle of Wight County
Newport News City
Norfolk City
Northampton County

Poquoson City
Portsmouth City
Southampton County
Suffolk City
Virginia Beach City
Williamsburg – James City
York County

Region II Demographic Information

REGION II	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Accomack County	13	5,322	370
Chesapeake City	47	39,943	2,980
Franklin City	3	1,132	124
Hampton City	30	20,618	1,701
Isle of Wight County	9	5,483	422
Newport News City	44	29,197	2,019
Norfolk City	52	32,149	2,451
Northampton County	5	1,700	152
Poquoson City	4	2,103	176
Portsmouth City	25	14,927	1,107
Southampton County	7	2,793	203
Suffolk City	20	14,383	1,112
Virginia Beach City	86	69,777	4,215
Williamsburg-James City County	15	11,597	861
York County	19	12,699	947
Total	379	263,823	18,840

Region II Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

In Region II, a total of 41,260 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, disruptive demonstrations, classroom and campus disruption, and Minor Physical Altercations. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region II are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region II

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Defiance	D2C	8,691	21.06
2	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	8,014	19.42
3	Classroom/Campus Disruption	D5C	6,940	16.82
4	Minor Physical Altercations	F1T	3,688	8.94
5	Disrespect	D1C	3,630	8.80
6	Fighting w/o Injury	FA2	2,840	6.88
7	Harassment	HR1	2,667	6.46
8	Cellular Phones	C2M	865	2.10
9	Drug Violations	DR1 DR2	796	1.93
10	Battery against Student w/o Weapon	BA3 BA4	681	1.65
Total Top 10 Offenses			30,121	
Total of All Offenses			41,260	

Region III



Caroline County
Essex County
Fredericksburg City
Gloucester County
King George County
King & Queen County
King William County
Lancaster County
Mathews County

Middlesex County
Northumberland County
Richmond County
Spotsylvania County
Stafford County
Town of Colonial Beach
Town of West Point
Westmoreland County

Region III Demographic Information

Region III	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Caroline County	5	4,330	245
Colonial Beach	2	608	47
Essex County	3	1,495	131
Fredericksburg City	5	3,532	295
Gloucester County	8	5,557	442
King George County	5	4,385	315
King William County	4	2,246	174
King and Queen County	3	878	71
Lancaster County	3	1,243	114
Mathews County	3	1,106	108
Middlesex County	3	1,232	104
Northumberland County	3	1,377	123
Richmond County	3	1,282	106
Spotsylvania County	34	23,731	1,552
Stafford County	30	27,841	1,807
West Point	3	764	70
Westmoreland County	4	1,666	150
Total	121	83,273	5,854

**Region III Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence,
2015-2016**

In Region III, a total of 8,175 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, disrespect, classroom/campus disruption, and minor physical altercations. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region III are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region III

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Defiance	D2C	1,518	18.57
2	Disrespect	D1C	1,420	17.37
3	Classroom/Campus Disruption	D5C	1,322	16.17
4	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	1,106	13.53
5	Cellular Telephones	C2M	780	9.54
6	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	495	6.06
7	Fighting/Mutual Contact	FA2	417	5.10
8	Battery Against Student no Weapon	BA3, BA4	227	2.76
9	Bullying/Cyber Bullying	BU1	222	2.72
10	Drug Violations	DR1-DR5	200	2.45
Total Top 10 Offenses			7,707	
Total of All Offenses			8,175	

Region IV



Alexandria City
Arlington County
Clarke County
Culpeper County
Fairfax Co./Fairfax City
Falls Church
Fauquier County
Frederick County
Loudoun County
Madison County

Manassas City
Manassas Park
Orange County
Page County
Prince William County
Rappahannock County
Shenandoah County
Warren County
Winchester City

Region IV Demographic Information

Region IV	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Alexandria City	16	14,729	1,364
Arlington County	38	25,364	2,491
Clarke County	4	2,004	162
Culpeper County	11	8,131	652
Fairfax County	218	185,810	16,104
Falls Church City	5	2,518	245
Fauquier County	20	11,155	953
Frederick County	18	13,203	1,098
Loudoun County	89	76,228	6,005
Madison County	4	1,828	160
Manassas City	9	7,605	629
Manassas Park City	4	3,443	271
Orange County	11	5,137	380
Page County	10	3,459	302
Prince William County	91	87,793	6,103
Rappahannock County	2	894	78
Shenandoah County	10	6,075	551
Warren County	8	5,433	423
Winchester City	6	4,414	357
Totals	574	465,223	38,328

Region IV Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence 2015-2016

In Region IV, a total of 11,909 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, altercations, disrespect, and classroom and campus disruptions. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region IV are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region IV

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Defiance/Insubordination	D2C	2,271	19.07
2	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	1,853	15.56
3	Disrespect	D1C	1,367	11.48
4	Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	1,292	10.85
5	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	1,072	9.00
6	Fighting Mutual Contact	FA2	936	7.86
7	Drug Violations, Schedule I and II	DR1-DR5	856	7.19
8	Bullying/Cyber Bullying	BU1	589	4.95
9	Battery Against/Student No Weapon	BA3, BA4	577	4.85
10	Harassment	HR1	248	2.08
Total Top 10 Offenses			11,061	
Total of All Offenses			11,909	

Region V



Albemarle County
Amherst County
Augusta County
Bath County
Bedford Co./Bedford City
Buena Vista City
Campbell County
Charlottesville City
Fluvanna County
Greene County

Harrisonburg City
Highland County
Lexington City
Louisa County
Lynchburg City
Nelson County
Rockbridge County
Rockingham County
Staunton City
Waynesboro City

Region V Demographic Information

Region V	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Albemarle County	26	13,767	1,274
Amherst County	10	4,216	397
Augusta County	20	10,472	815
Bath County	3	574	69
Bedford County	21	9,874	796
Buena Vista City	4	1,012	88
Campbell County	15	7,948	586
Charlottesville City	10	4,377	417
Fluvanna County	5	3,557	271
Greene County	7	3,192	279
Harrisonburg City	8	5,923	526
Highland County	2	207	30
Lexington City	2	492	46
Louisa County	6	4,876	421
Lynchburg City	17	8,587	652
Nelson County	4	1,960	169
Rockbridge County	6	2,816	264
Rockingham County	23	11,876	989
Staunton City	6	2,660	248
Waynesboro City	7	3,238	263
Totals	202	101,624	8,600

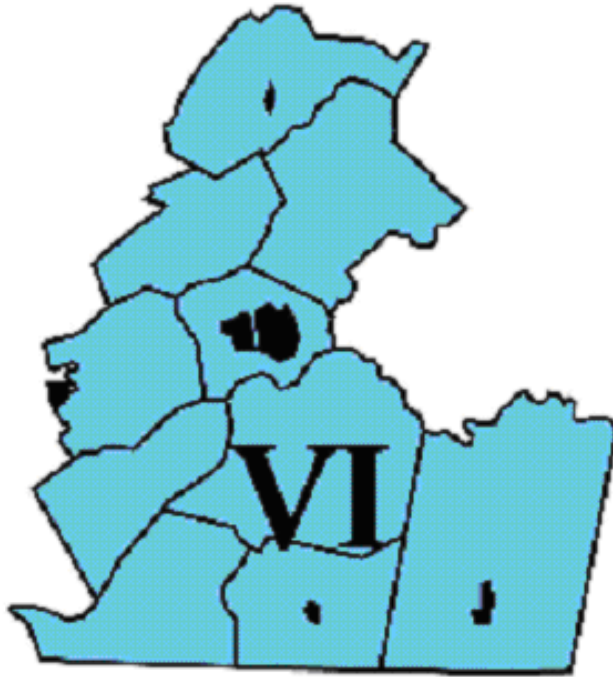
Region V Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence 2015-2016

In Region V, a total of 7,238 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, minor physical altercation, classroom/campus disruption, and disrespect. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region V are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region V

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Defiance/Insubordination	D2C	1,393	19.25
2	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	1,107	15.29
3	Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	1,101	15.21
4	Disrespect	D1C	979	13.53
5	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	857	11.84
6	Fighting Mutual Contact	FA2	398	5.50
7	Bullying	BU1	257	3.55
8	Battery Against/Student No Weapon	BA3, BA4	247	3.41
9	Drug Violations, Schedule I and II	DR1-DR5	243	3.36
10	Cellular Telephones	C2M	154	2.13
Total Top 10 Offenses			6,736	
Total of All Offenses Reported			7,238	

Region VI



Alleghany County
Botetourt County
Covington City
Craig County
Danville City
Floyd County
Franklin County
Henry County

Martinsville City
Montgomery County
Patrick County
Pittsylvania County
Roanoke County
Roanoke City
Salem City

Region VI Demographic Information

Region VI	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Alleghany County	5	2,258	201
Botetourt County	12	4,757	420
Covington City	3	1,021	88
Craig County	2	623	60
Danville City	14	6,249	492
Floyd County	5	2,076	173
Franklin County	16	7,353	655
Henry County	14	7,415	553
Martinsville City	5	2,186	188
Montgomery County	20	9,775	873
Patrick County	7	2,932	236
Pittsylvania County	20	9,239	755
Roanoke City	26	13,676	1,114
Roanoke County	27	14,385	1,150
Salem City	6	3,808	318
Totals	182	87,753	7,276

Region VI Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

In Region VI, a total of 8,450 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, classroom/campus disruption, minor physical altercation, and disrespect. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region VI are summarized in the table below.

Top Ten Incidents in Region VI

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Classroom/Campus Disruption	D5C	1,636	19.36
2	Defiance/Insubordination	D2C	1,476	17.47
3	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	1,435	16.98
4	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	1,218	14.41
5	Disrespect	D1C	956	11.31
6	Fighting Mutual Contact	FA2	472	5.59
7	Cellular Phones	C2M	244	2.89
8	Minor Insubordination	D8C	232	2.75
9	Battery against Student w/o weapon	BA3, BA4	213	2.52
10	Drug Violations	DR1-DR5	192	2.27
Total Top 10 Offenses			8,074	
Total of All Offenses Reported			8,450	

Region VII



Bland County
Bristol City
Buchanan County
Carroll County
Dickenson County
Galax City
Giles County
Grayson County
Lee County
Norton City

Pulaski County
Radford City
Russell County
Scott County
Smyth County
Tazewell County
Washington County
Wise County
Wythe County

Region VII Demographic Information

Region VII	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Bland County	2	810	71
Bristol City	7	2,289	198
Buchanan County	10	3,004	285
Carroll County	10	3,902	332
Dickenson County	5	2,320	197
Galax City	3	1,390	120
Giles County	6	2,408	213
Grayson County	8	1,684	162
Lee County	11	3,297	322
Norton City	2	835	67
Pulaski County	8	4,346	350
Radford City	4	1,661	146
Russell County	13	4,062	298
Scott County	14	3,817	302
Smyth County	14	4,594	428
Tazewell County	16	6,111	464
Washington County	16	7,346	603
Wise County	14	6,024	516
Wythe County	13	4,236	339
Totals	176	64,136	5,413

Region VII Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

In Region VII, a total of 3,946 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were defiance, altercations, classroom disruptions and disruptive demonstrations. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region VII are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region VII

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Defiance/Insubordination	D2C	750	19.00
2	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	699	17.71
3	Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	517	13.10
4	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	398	10.09
5	Disrespect	D1C	376	9.53
6	Bullying	BU1	372	9.43
7	Fighting/ Mutual Contact	FA2	287	7.27
8	Battery against Student w/o weapon	BA3, BA4	157	3.98
9	Drug Violations	DR1-DR5	127	3.22
10	Harassment	HR1	72	1.82
Total Top 10 Offenses			3,755	
Total of All Offenses Reported			3,946	

Region VIII



Amelia County
Appomattox County
Brunswick County
Buckingham County
Charlotte County
Cumberland County

Greensville County
Halifax County
Lunenburg County
Mecklenburg County
Nottoway County
Prince Edward County

Region VIII Demographic Information

Region VIII	No. of Schools/Centers	Total Fall Membership	No. of Teachers
Amelia County	3	1,827	130
Appomattox County	4	2,294	182
Brunswick County	5	1,759	164
Buckingham County	5	2,062	163
Charlotte County	5	1,941	156
Cumberland County	3	1,399	112
Greensville County	4	2,573	202
Halifax County	12	5,364	490
Lunenburg County	4	1,585	134
Mecklenburg County	9	4,529	363
Nottoway County	6	2,254	185
Prince Edward County	4	2,104	196
Totals	64	29,691	2,477

Region VIII Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016

In Region VIII, a total of 4,259 incidents were reported in 2015-2016. The four most frequently reported offenses were classroom/campus disruption, defiance, disrespect and disruptive demonstrations. The ten types of incidents most frequently reported in Region VIII are summarized in the table below.

Top 10 Incidents in Region VIII

Rank	Offenses	Offense Codes	Number	Percent of Total Incidents
1	Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	1,155	27.11
2	Defiance/Insubordination	D2C	766	17.99
3	Disrespect	D1C	519	12.19
4	Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	434	10.19
5	Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	413	9.70
6	Fighting/Mutual Contact	FA2	232	5.45
7	Cellular Phone	C2M	186	4.37
8	Battery against Student w/o weapon	BA3, BA4	165	3.87
9	Bullying/Cyber Bullying	BU1	105	2.47
10	Drug Violations	DR1- DR5	80	1.88
Total Top 10 Offenses			4,055	
Total of All Offenses Reported			4,259	

VI. Regional Centers and Programs

The regional centers and programs have submitted DCV data since 2004-2005. Table 27 represents incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence for all regional centers and programs which include governor's schools, special education centers/programs, career technical centers/programs, and alternative education centers/programs.

Table 27. Regional Centers/Programs

All Incidents of Discipline, Crime, and Violence, 2015-2016			
Offenses	Offense Codes	Count	Percent of all Regional Centers/Programs Incidents
Offenses most frequently reported			
Defiance of Authority/Insubordination	D2C	364	17.25
Using Obscene/Inappropriate Language/Gestures	D6C	282	13.36
Disrespect/Walking Away	D1C	184	8.72
Classroom or Campus Disruption	D5C	156	7.39
Disruptive Demonstrations	D3C	110	5.21
Tobacco	TB1	102	4.83
Minor Physical Altercation	F1T	93	4.41
Minor Insubordination	D8C	84	3.98
Assault/Battery against student without injury	BA6	82	3.89
Assault Against Staff: No Weapon	BA2	76	3.6
Threatening Staff Member (physical/verbal threat)	TI1	75	3.55
Threatening Student (physical or verbal threat or intimidation)	TI2	66	3.13
Drug Possession/Use of Schedule I and II drugs	DR1	39	1.85
Assault Against Student/No Weapon	BA4	38	1.8
Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Covered in these codes	S3V	38	1.8
Cellular Telephones	C2M	36	1.71
Vandalism	VA1	34	1.61
Fighting: Mutual Contact-- No/Minor Injuries, No Med Attn.	FA2	25	1.18

Bullying	BU1	22	1.04
Theft Offenses (except motor vehicles)	TH1	21	1
Misrepresentation (altering notes, false information, cheating, etc.)	S2V	18	0.85
Drug Violations Schedule III-VI Poss./Sale/Dist./ Paraphernalia	DR5	16	0.76
Unauthorized Use of Technology and/or Information	T1C	15	0.71
electronic cigarette (possession, use, sale, distribution)	TB2	15	0.71
Tobacco Paraphernalia to school events	T4B	14	0.66
Sexual Harassment	SX0	12	0.57
Alcohol use, possession or dist.	AL1	*	*
Violations of Acceptable Usage Policy	T3C	*	*
Attendance	A1T	*	*
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Student	SX2	*	*
Assault Against Student--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA3	*	*
Possession of Other Weapon (instrument/object to inflict harm)	WP9	*	*
Violations of Internet Policy	T4C	*	*
Bringing a Knife to School/School Event (more than 3 inches)	WP5	*	*
Possession of Obscene/Disruptive Literature/Illustrations	D4C	*	*
Bomb Threat	BB1	*	*
Cyber Bullying	BU2	*	*
Sexual Offenses Without Force	SX7	*	*
Inappropriate Personal Property (food/beverage, clothing, toys, etc.)	S1V	*	*
Drug Violations Schedule I and II Anabolic Steroid, Marijuana--Sale/Dist.	DR4	*	*
Harassment	HR1	*	*

Bringing Razor Blades/Box Cutters/Knife less than 3 inches to School/ Event	W8P	*	*
Offensive Sexual Touching Against Staff	SX1	*	*
Assault against Staff--Firearm or Other Weapon	BA1	*	*
Over-the-Counter Medication Use	D4G	*	*
Over-the-Counter Medication Possession	D5G	*	*
Malicious Wounding without a weapon	BA5	*	*
Inciting a Riot	RT1	*	*
Drug Violation Schedule I & II Possession	DR2	*	*
Possession of Stun Gun	WS1	*	*
Bringing a Toy/Look-Alike Gun to School/School Event	W3P	*	*
Electronic Devices (radios, tape players, etc.)	C3M	*	*
Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event	W1P	*	*
Possession of Taser	WT1	*	*
Possession of Weapons/Chemical Substance	W2P	*	*
	Total	2,110	99.96

*Numbers ten and less are suppressed due to the personally identifiable nature of the information.

Appendix A. Applicable State and Federal Laws

Code of Virginia

§ 22.1-279.3:1. Reports of certain acts to school authorities.

A. Reports shall be made to the division superintendent and to the principal or his designee on all incidents involving (i) the assault or assault and battery, without bodily injury, of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; (ii) the assault and battery which results in bodily injury, sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; (iii) any conduct involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications; (iv) any threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; (v) the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined in § 22.1-277.07, onto school property; (vi) any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in § 18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in § 18.2-433.1, or chemical bombs, as described in § 18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; (vii) any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in § 18.2-83, made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses; or (viii) the arrest of any student for an incident occurring on a school bus, on school property, or at a school sponsored activity, including the charge therefore.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, local law-enforcement authorities shall report, and the principal or his designee and the division superintendent shall receive such reports, on offenses, wherever committed, by students enrolled at the school if the offense would be a felony if committed by an adult or would be a violation of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) and occurred on a school bus, on school property, or at a school sponsored activity, or would be an adult misdemeanor involving any incidents described in clauses (i) through (viii) of subsection A.

C. The principal or his designee shall submit a report of all incidents required to be reported pursuant to this section to the superintendent of the school division. The division superintendent shall annually report all such incidents to the Department of Education for the purpose of recording the frequency of such incidents on forms that shall be provided by the Department and shall make such information available to the public. A division superintendent who knowingly fails to comply or secure compliance with the reporting requirements of this subsection shall be subject to the sanctions authorized in §22.1-65. A principal who knowingly fails to comply or secure compliance with the reporting requirements of this section shall be subject to sanctions prescribed by the local school board, which may include, but need not be limited to, demotion or dismissal. The principal or his designee shall also notify the parent of any student involved in an incident required pursuant to this section to be reported, regardless of whether disciplinary action is taken against such student or the nature of the disciplinary action. Such notice shall relate to only the relevant student's involvement and shall not include information concerning other students. Whenever any student commits any reportable incident as set forth in this section, such student shall be required to participate in such prevention and intervention activities as deemed appropriate by the superintendent or his designee. Prevention and intervention activities shall be identified in the local school division's drug and violence prevention plans developed pursuant to the federal Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Title IV - Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act).

D. Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation, or jurisprudence, the principal shall immediately report to the local law-enforcement agency any act enumerated in clauses (ii) through (vii) of subsection A that may constitute a criminal offense and may report to the local law enforcement agency any incident described in clause (i) of subsection A.

E. A statement providing a procedure and the purpose for the requirements of this section shall be included in school board policies required by § 22.1-253.13:7. The Board of Education shall promulgate regulations to implement this section, including, but not limited to, establishing reporting dates and report formats.

F. For the purposes of this section, "parent" or "parents" means any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of a child.

G. This section shall not be construed to diminish the authority of the Board of Education or to diminish the Governor's authority to coordinate and provide policy direction on official communications between the Commonwealth and the United States government.

(1981, c. 189; 1990, cc. 517, 797; 1991, c. 295; 1994, cc. 265, 285; 1995, cc. 759, 773; 1996, cc. 916, 964; 1999, c. 970; 2000, cc. 79, 611, § 22.1-280.1; 2001, cc. 688, 820; 2002, c. 388; 2003, cc. 899, 954; 2004, cc. 517, 542, 939, 955.)

Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, Section 14061

(a) Short Title.--This section may be cited as the 'Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994'.

(b) Requirements.--

(1) In general.--Except as provided in paragraph (3), each State receiving Federal funds under this Act shall have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than one year a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to a school under the jurisdiction of local educational agencies in that State, except that such State law shall allow the chief administering officer of such local educational agency to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Construction.--Nothing in this title shall be construed to prevent a State from allowing a local educational agency that has expelled a student from such a student's regular school setting from providing educational services to such student in an alternative setting.

(3) Special rule--(A) Any State that has a law in effect prior to the date of enactment of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 which is in conflict with the not less than one year expulsion requirement described in paragraph (1) shall have the period of time described in subparagraph (B) to comply with such requirement. (B) The period of time shall be the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Improving America's Schools Act and ending one year after such date.

(4) Definition.--For the purpose of this section, the term 'weapon' means a firearm as such term is defined in section 921 of title 18, United States Code. (c) Special Rule.--The provisions of this section shall be construed in a manner consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (d) Report to State.--Each local educational agency requesting assistance from the State educational agency that is to be provided from funds made available to the State under this Act shall provide to the State, in the application requesting such assistance--(1) an assurance that such local educational agency is in compliance with the State law required by subsection (b); and (2) a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under the State law required by subsection (b), including-- (A) the name of the school concerned; (B) the number of students expelled from such school; and (C) the type of weapons concerned. (e) Reporting.--Each State shall report the information described in subsection (c) to the Secretary on an annual basis. (f) Report to Congress.--Two years after the date of enactment of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, the Secretary shall report to Congress if any State is not in compliance with the requirements of this title.

Appendix B. Offenses Required to be Reported

The following table lists terms, definitions, and codes for offenses. The legal source or related statute is noted in the fifth column of the table. The following is a key to the abbreviations used in this column:

BOE	Board of Education	PDS	Persistently Dangerous Schools
<i>Code of VA</i>	Code of Virginia	SDFSCA	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
GFSA	Gun Free Schools Act	USC	United States Code
ESSA	Every Child Succeeds Act of 2015 (NCLB 2001)	VAC	Virginia Administrative Code (from Standards of Accreditation)
UMIRS	Uniform Management Information and Reporting System		

NOTE: Offenses used as measures for determining ESSA’s “**persistently dangerous schools**” designation are **shaded in gray**.

Offense Term	Definition	Reporting Codes	Disciplinary Reporting Requirements*	Source of Requirements and Related Statute	Reference Notes
Alcohol Use Possession Sale/Distribution	Violating laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or consumption of intoxicating alcoholic beverages or substances represented as alcohol. Suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol may be included if it results in disciplinary action.	AL1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7161 UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> AC1 – Alcohol Use AC2 – Alcohol Possession AC3 – Alcohol Sale/Distribution
Arson Actual Attempted	Unlawfully and intentionally damaging or attempting to damage any school or personal property by fire or incendiary device. Firecrackers, fireworks, and trashcan fires would be included in this category if they were contributing factors to a damaging fire.	AR1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-79	<u>Sub-Categories</u> AS1 – Arson: Actual AS2 – Arson: Attempted AS3 – Lighted firecrackers, Cherry Bombs, or Stink-bombs that Contribute to a Damaging fire. Firecrackers or fireworks should be coded as W9P.

Assault/ Battery With Firearm or Other Weapon Against Staff	An actual offensive, forceful and violent and intentional touching or striking of a staff member against his or her will, intentionally causing bodily harm through the use of a firearm or other weapon.	BA1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-57 §22.1-279.3:1(A & D) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7151 UMIRS	
Assault/ Battery With No Firearm or Weapon Against Staff	An actual offensive and intentional touching or striking of a staff member against his or her will, intentionally causing bodily harm without the use of a firearm or weapon.	BA2 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A & D) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Assault/ Battery With Firearm or Other Weapon Against Student	An actual offensive forceful and violent and intentional touching or striking of a student against his or her will, intentionally causing bodily harm with the use of a firearm or other weapon.	BA3 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-57 §22.1-279.3:1(A & D) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7151 UMIR	
Assault/ Battery With No Firearm or Weapon Against Student	An actual offensive and intentional touching or striking of a student against his or her will, or mutual participation in a fight that intentionally causes bodily harm without the use of a firearm or weapon.	BA4 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A & D) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	

Assault/Battery Malicious Wounding Without a Weapon	Maliciously causing bodily injury to a person (without a weapon) with the intent to maim, disfigure, disable, or kill.	BA5 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.5-51.2 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 8 VAC 20-131-270	
Assault/Battery without bodily injury	The assault or assault and battery, without bodily injury, of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a schools-sponsored event.	BA6	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1A.	
Attendance	Violation of state, school division, or school policy relating to attendance.	A1T	Sanction 2 and 3 are required to be reported if there is another offense or if a single offense is a sanction of expulsion. Spec Ed = 01 remains the same	SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-277(A)	
Breaking and Entering Burglary	Unlawfully entering or attempting to enter a building or other structure with the intent to commit a crime.	BR1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> BK1 – Burglary: Actual BK2 – Burglary: Attempted
Bullying	Using repeated negative behaviors intended to frighten or cause harm. These may include, but are not limited to, verbal or written threats or physical harm.	BU1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-208.01(A)	
Cyber Bullying	Cyber bullying is defined as using information and communication technologies, such as cell phone text messages and pictures and internet email, social networking websites, defamatory personal websites, and defamatory online personal polling websites to support deliberate, hostile, behavior intended to harm others.	BU2	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-208.01(A)	

<p>Disruptive Behavior/ Insubordinate</p>	<p>Unwillingness to submit to authority or refusal to respond to a reasonable request. Any act that intentionally disrupts the orderly conduct of a school function. Any behavior that substantially disrupts the orderly learning environment.</p>	<p>D1C D2C D3C D4C D5C D6C D8C</p>	<p>Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion</p>	<p>SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-276.2</p>	<p>Sub-Categories D1C – Disrespect (walking away, etc.) D2C – Defiance (refuses requests) D3C – Disruptive Demonstrations D4C – Possession of Obscene or Disruptive Literature D5C – Classroom or Campus Disruption D6C – Using Obscene or Inappropriate Language or Gestures D8C – Minor Insubordination</p>
<p>Drug Violations Schedule I & II Anabolic Steroid Marijuana Use Possession</p>	<p>Violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, transportation, possession or consumption of marijuana, Schedule I & II drugs, and anabolic Steroid-Use. Suspicion of being under the influence of marijuana may be included if it results in disciplinary action. <u>Links to the Drug Control Acts:</u> http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3446 (Schedule I) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3448 (Schedule II) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3466 (Definitions)</p>	<p>DR1 Required to be reported to law enforcement</p>	<p>Required to be reported regardless of sanction</p>	<p><i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7161 UMIRS</p>	<p>Sub-Categories Schedule I & II Drugs / Marijuana/Anabolic Steroid-Use and Possession DG1 – Schedule I & II Drug Use DG2 – Schedule I & II Drug Possession DG7 – Marijuana Use DG8 – Marijuana Possession D20 – Anabolic Steroid/Use and Possession DG5 – Synthetic marijuana Use or Possession</p>

Drug Violations Look-alikes Use Possession	Unlawfully using, cultivating, manufacturing, purchasing, possessing, transporting, or importing any substances represented as drug look-alikes. Links to the Drug Control Acts: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3466 (Definitions) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-247 (Definitions)	DR2 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-634 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7161 UMIRS	Sub-Categories D17 – Substances Represented as Drugs (Look-alikes)
Drug Violations Inhalants	Unlawfully using, cultivating, manufacturing, purchasing, possessing, transporting, or importing any inhalants Links to the Drug Control Acts: http://leg1.state.va.us/000/cod/18.2-264.HTM	D15 D16	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-264 SDFSCA Report	D15 – Possession of Inhalants D16 – Use of Inhalants
Drug Violations Prescription Theft Attempted Theft	Unlawfully possessing or attempting to take possession of drugs prescribed for another. Links to the Drug Control Acts: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-258.2 (Theft) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3466 (Definitions)	DR3 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A)	
Drug Violations Schedule I & II Anabolic Steroid Marijuana Sale/Distribution	Unlawfully possessing with the intent to distribute, sell, or solicit any Schedule I or II drug, marijuana, or anabolic steroid. Links to the Drug Control Acts: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3446 (Schedule I) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3448 (Schedule II) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3466 (Definitions)	DR4 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> 8 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7161 UMIRS	Sub-Categories Schedule I & II Drugs/ Marijuana/ Anabolic Steroid Sale/Distribution DG3 – Schedule I & II Drug Sale/Dist. DG9 – Marijuana Sale/Distribution D19 – Anabolic Steroid Sale/Distribution DG6 – Synthetic marijuana sale and/or distribution

<p>Drug Violations Schedule III-VI</p> <p>Use, Possession, Sale/Distribution, Paraphernalia Possession</p>	<p>Unlawfully using or possessing with the intent to distribute, selling or soliciting any controlled drug or narcotic substance not specified in previous drug categories. Having equipment (paraphernalia) for use in consuming illegal drugs in one's pocket, bag, car, or locker.</p> <p>Links to the Drug Control Acts: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3450 (Schedule III) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3452 (Schedule IV) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3454 (Schedule V) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3455 (Schedule VI) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3466 (Definitions) http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-265.1 (Paraphernalia)</p>	<p>DR5 Required to be reported to law enforcement</p>	<p>Required to be reported regardless of sanction</p>	<p><i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 20 USC §7161 UMIRS</p>	<p><u>Sub-Categories</u> Schedule III-VI Drugs/Use/ Possession/ Sale/Distribution D10 – Other Drug Use/Overdose D11 – Other Drug Possession/ Paraphernalia Possession D12 – Other Drug Sale/Distribution</p>
<p>Drug Violations Over-the-Counter Use, Possession, Sale/Distribution</p>	<p>Unlawful use, distribution, sale, solicitation, purchase, possession, transportation, or importation of over-the-counter medication.</p>	<p>D4G D5G D6G</p>	<p>Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion</p>	<p>SDFSCA Report UMIRS</p>	<p><u>Sub-Categories</u> D4G – Over-the Counter Medicine/Use D5G – Over-the-Counter Medicine/Possession D6G – Over-the-Counter Medicine Sale/Distribution</p>
<p>Electronic Devices</p>	<p>Using electronic devices that are deemed inappropriate in an educational setting.</p>	<p>C1M C2M C3M</p>	<p>Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion</p>	<p>SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.6(B)</p>	<p><u>Sub-Categories</u> C1M – Beepers C2M – Cellular Telephones</p>

					C3M – Electronic Devices
Extortion	Unlawfully obtaining or attempting to obtain something of value from another by compelling the other person to deliver it by the threat or eventual physical injury or other harm to that person or person’s property.	EX1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-59	<u>Sub-Categories</u> ET1 – Extortion ET2 – Attempted Extortion
Fighting With No Injury or Minor injury	Mutual participation in a fight involving physical violence, where there are no or minor injuries. These may include, but not be limited to, the following: scrape on body (e.g., knee, elbow, hand) or minor bruising.	FA2	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	8 VAC 20-131-270 SOA UMIRS	
Altercation/ confrontation	Confrontation, tussle, or verbal/physical aggression that does not result in injury.	F1T	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Gambling	Making, placing, or receiving any bet or wager of money or other thing of value dependent upon the result of the game, contest, or any other event with an uncertain outcome.	G1B	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-325	
Gang Activity	Street gang means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has as one of its primary objectives or activities to commit one or more criminal or non-criminal gang activities. This includes articles of clothing that symbolize association, rituals, or activities identified by groups of students.	GA1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-46.1-3 UMIRS	
Harassment, Non-sexual (Physical, Verbal, or Psychological)	Repeatedly annoying or attacking a student or a group of students or other personnel which creates an intimidating or hostile educational or work environment.	HR1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	

Hazing	Committing an act or acts against a student or coercing a student to commit an act that creates risk of harm to a person in order to be initiated into a student organization or class.	H1Z	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279(B) §18.2-56	
Homicide Against Staff With Firearm	Any death of a staff member resulting from the use of a firearm (other than accidentally self-inflicted or suicide).	HO1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §711620 USC §7151 GFSA UMIRS	
Homicide Against Student With Firearm	Any death of a student resulting from the use of a firearm (other than accidentally self-inflicted or suicide).	HO2 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Homicide Against Staff With Other Weapon	Any death of a staff member resulting from the use of a weapon (other than accidentally self-inflicted or suicide).	HO3 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Homicide Against Student With Other Weapon	Any death of a student resulting from the use of a weapon (other than accidentally self-inflicted or suicide).	HO4 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-270 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIR	

Inciting a Riot	Unlawful use of force or violence that seriously jeopardizes the public safety, peace, or order. Three or more people acting together.	RT1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Sub-Categories RG1 – Inciting a Riot RG2 – Attempting To Incite a Riot
Kidnapping	Unlawfully seizing, transporting, and/or detaining a person against his/her will, or a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian. This category includes hostage-taking.	KI1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-47	
Other Violations	Violations that are inappropriate for school behavior.	S1V S2V S3V	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Sub-Categories S1V – Inappropriate Personal Property (i.e., Dress Code Violation) S2V – Misrepresentation (i.e., Lying, Cheating or Plagiarism) S3V – Other School Code of Conduct Violation Not Otherwise Included
Robbery	Taking, or attempting to take, anything of value owned by another person or organization under confrontational circumstances by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.	RO1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-58 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Sub-Categories Robbery (Using Force) RB1 – Actual Robbery RB2 – Attempted Robbery See also Burglary/ Theft
Stalking	Engaging in conduct directed at another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury.	ST1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1 §18.2.60.3	
Sexual Harassment	Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other physical or verbal conduct or communication of a sexual nature, including gender-based harassment that	SX0	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	

	creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment				
Sexual Battery Against Staff	Sexual battery against a staff member involves an offensive or intentional threat, intimidation or ruse or physical helplessness of sexual abuse. Sexual battery is a Class I misdemeanor.	SB1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-67.4	
Sexual Battery Against Student	Sexual battery against a student member involves an offensive or intentional threat, intimidation or ruse or physical helplessness of sexual abuse. Sexual battery is a Class I misdemeanor.	SB2 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-67.4	
Sexual Offenses Against Staff Forcible Assault	Sexual penetration (e.g., oral, anal, or vaginal) against a staff member without consent.	SX3 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Sexual Offenses Against Student Forcible Assault	Sexual penetration (e.g., oral, anal, or vaginal) against a student without consent. This category also includes statutory rape that is defined as sexual penetration with or without the consent of a minor.	SX4 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Sexual Offenses Against Staff Attempted Forcible Assault	Attempted sexual penetration (e.g., oral, anal, or vaginal) against a staff member without consent.	SX5 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §Title 18.2 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Sexual Offenses Against Student Attempted Forcible Assault	Attempted sexual penetration (e.g., oral, anal, or vaginal) against a student without consent, including statutory rape, or sexual penetration with or without the minor's consent.	SX6 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) §Title 18.2 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116	

				UMIRS	
Sexual Offenses Without Force	Lewd behavior, indecent exposure that includes sexual intercourse, sexual contact, or other unlawful behavior or conduct intended to result in sexual gratification without force or threat. Consider age, developmentally appropriate behavior, and disability status before using this category.	SX7 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) SDFSCA Report	
Sexual Offense Aggravated Sexual Battery	Sexually abusing a victim less than thirteen years of age or accomplishing the act against the will of the victim by force, threat, intimidation, or through the use of the victim’s mental incapacity or physical helplessness, and—the victim is at least thirteen but less than fifteen years of age, or the accused causes serious bodily or mental injury to the victim, or the accused uses or threatens to use a dangerous weapon. Sexual abuse means an act committed with the intent to sexually molest, arouse, or gratify any person where the accused intentionally touches the victim’s intimate parts or material directly covering such intimate parts; the accused forces the victim to touch the victim’s own or another person’s intimate parts or material directly covering such intimate parts; or the accused forces another person to touch the victim’s intimate parts or material directly covering such intimate parts.	SX8 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) §Title 18.2 SDFSCA Report 20 USC §7116 UMIRS	
Sexual Offense Offensive Touching Against Staff	Improper physical contact against a staff that is offensive, undesirable, and/or unwanted as determined by the victim.	SX1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1	Consensual touching (e.g., kissing, walking arm-in-arm) should not be reported even though such behavior may violate a local school policy. Consider age, developmentally

					appropriate behavior, and disability status before using this category.
Sexual Offense Offensive Touching Against Student	Improper physical contact against a student that is offensive, undesirable, and/or unwanted as determined by the victim.	SX2	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1	Consensual touching (e.g., kissing, walking arm-in-arm) should not be reported even though such behavior may violate a local school policy. Consider age, developmentally appropriate behavior, and disability status before using this category.
School Threat Bomb Threat (Threat of Destruction or Harm)	Any threat (verbal, written, or electronic) by a person to bomb or use other substances or devices for the purpose of exploding, burning, causing damage to a school building or school property, or harming students or staff. Intentionally making a false report of potential harm from dangerous chemicals or biological agents.	BB1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) SDFSCA Report UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> BO1 – Bomb Threat BO2 - Chemical/ Biological Threat BO3 – Terrorist Threat
BO4 – Setting off False	Fire Alarm	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion		<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) §18.2-212 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Technology Use Violations/Use	Unauthorized violations of technology use according to the Acceptable Usage Policy.	T1C T2C T3C T4C	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.6 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> T1C – Unauthorized Use of Technology or Information T2C – Causing/ Attempting to Cause Damage to

					Computer Hardware, Software or Files T3C – Violations of Acceptable Usage Policy T4C – Violations of Internet Policy
Threat/ Intimidation Against Staff	Unlawfully placing a staff member in fear of bodily harm through physical, verbal, written or electronic threats which immediately creates fear of harm without displaying a weapon or subjecting the person to actual physical attack. Consider age, developmentally appropriate behavior, and disability status before using this category.	TI1 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-60 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Also see Harassment-Non Sexual/ Hazing/School Threat/ Bullying
Threat/ Intimidation Against Student	Unlawfully placing a student in fear of bodily harm through physical, verbal, written or electronic threats which immediately creates fear of harm without displaying a weapon or subjecting the person to actual physical attack. Consider age, developmentally appropriate behavior, and disability status before using this category.	TI2	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-60 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Theft Offenses (No Force)	Unlawfully taking, carrying, leading, or riding away property from the possession of another person. May include pocket picking, purse snatching, theft from building, theft of electronic data, theft from motor vehicle, or from coin-operated machines.	TH1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> Theft Offenses (except motor vehicle) TF1- Theft of School Property TF2 -Theft of Staff Property TF3 - Theft of Student Property TF4 - Possession of Stolen Property
Theft Offense of a Motor Vehicle	Unlawfully taking, carrying, leading, or riding away a motor vehicle or the attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This category includes theft of a car, truck, motorcycle, dune buggy,	TH2	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	<u>Sub-Categories</u> Theft of a Motor Vehicle TF6 – Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle

	snowmobile, RV, or anything that is self-propelled.				
Tobacco Use Possession, Sale, Distribution	Possessing, using, distributing, or selling tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, and/or on school transportation.	TB1		SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Sub-Categories TC1 – Tobacco Use TC2 – Tobacco Possession TC3 – Tobacco Sales/ Distribution
Electronic Cigarette	Possessing, using, distributing, or selling electronic cigarettes or paraphernalia, on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, and/or on school transportation	TB2	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-79.5	
Tobacco Paraphernalia	Bringing tobacco paraphernalia to school or to a school event.	T4B	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Trespassing	Entering or remaining on a public school campus or school board facility without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry, including students under suspension or expulsion and unauthorized persons who enter or remain on a campus or school board facility after being directed to leave.	TR1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-128 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Vandalism	Willfully and/or maliciously destroying, damaging or defacing public or private property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it. This category includes graffiti.	VA1	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	<i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-128 SDFSCA Report UMIRS	Sub-Categories VN1 – Vandalism of School Property VN2 – Vandalism of Private Property VN3 – Graffiti
Weapon (1) Firearm Handgun/ Pistol	Possessing or bringing a handgun or pistol to school or to a school-sponsored event.	WPI Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-308.1 (B) §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-260 GFSA 20 USC §7151 UMIRS	Automatic expulsion required. May be modified by LEA, in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

Weapon (2) Firearm Shotgun/ Rifle	Possessing or bringing a rifle/shotgun to school or a school-sponsored event.	WP2 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-308.1 (B) §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-260 GFSA 20 USC §7151 UMIRS	Automatic expulsion required. May be modified by LEA, in accordance with federal and state guidelines.
Weapon (3) Expels a Projectile	Possessing or bringing to school or a school-sponsored event any weapon designed to expel a projectile or that may readily be converted or modified manufactured guns to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive device.	WP4 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-308.1 (B) 8 VAC 20-131-260 GFSA UMIRS	This definition does not include BB guns or pneumatic weapons. See WP0.
Weapon (4) Knife	Possessing or bringing to school or a school-sponsored event any sharp-edged instrument that is classified as a knife with a blade of three inches or more.	WP5 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion & if charges are filed	BOE-PDS Policy 8 VAC 20-131-270 §22.1-279.3:1 GFSA	
Weapon (5) Other Firearms	Possessing or bringing any other weapon that will, or is designed to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive to school or a school event. This includes firearms not mentioned previously (operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded) such as, but not limited to, a zip or starter gun.	WP8 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-560-10 8 VAC 20-131-260 GFSA 20 USC §7151 UMIRS	These definitions may include automatic weapons or semi-automatic weapons other than shotgun/rifle, or handgun, such as an XM8.
Weapon (6) Other Weapon	Possessing or bringing any weapon, instrument, or object that is designed to or may readily be converted to inflict harm on another person to school or a school event. (i.e., golf club, baseball bat, chains, nunchakas, or billy club)	WP9 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	8 VAC 20-131-270 <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-308.1 (A) UMIRS	

Pneumatic Weapon (BB Gun)	Possessing or bringing any pneumatic gun or rifle that is air powered to school or a school event. A pneumatic gun or rifle includes a BB, paint ball, or pellet gun.	WP0 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	8 VAC20-121-260 <i>Code of VA</i> §15.2-915.4	
Possession of Explosive Device	Possessing or representing any weapon that explodes or is designed to or may readily be converted to explode.	WP6 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-433.1 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-131-260 GFSA	
Use of Bomb or Explosive Device	Using any weapon that is designed to explode with the use of a triggering device or by a chemical reaction that causes an explosion.	WP7 Required to be reported to law enforcement	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	BOE-PDS Policy <i>Code of VA</i> §18.2-85 §18.2-433.1 §22.1-279.3:1(A) 8 VAC 20-131-260	
Possession of Ammunition	Possession of any type of ammunition. Ammunition means ammunition or cartridges, cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm.	W1P	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report USC §18.921-17 UMIRS	W1P – Bringing Ammunition to School or School Event.
Weapon/ Look-alike	Any device that looks like a real gun or is a toy gun (i.e., water pistols). Category also includes look-alike weapons.	W3P	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	
Weapon/ Chemical Substance	Possessing or bringing to school or a school-sponsored event any substance used as a weapon. The substance would include mace, tear gas, or pepper spray.	W2P	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	UMIRS	
Possible Weapons	Possessing knife less than three inches, razor blades, box cutters, fireworks, firecrackers, or bringing stink bombs to school or a school event.	W8P W9P	Required to be reported only if sanction is suspension or expulsion	SDFSCA Report UMIRS	W8P – Bringing Razor Blades/Box Cutters/ Less than 3 inch blade knife to School or School Events. W9P – Bringing Fireworks, Firecrackers, or

					Stink Bombs to School or School Event.
Possession of Taser Gun	Possessing or bringing any mechanism that is designed to emit an electronic, magnetic or another charge or shock through the use of a projectile and used for the purpose of temporarily incapacitating a person.	WT1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> § 18.2-308.1(A) § 22.1-277.07 SDFSCA Report	
Possession of Stun Gun	Possessing or bringing any mechanism that is designed to emit an electronic, magnetic or other charge that exceeds the equivalency of five milliamp 60 hertz shock and used for the purpose of temporarily incapacitating a person.	WS1	Required to be reported regardless of sanction	<i>Code of VA</i> § 18.2-308.1(A) § 22.1-277.07 SDFSCA Report	

*The disciplinary reporting requirements indicate if the offense is required by law to be reported to the Virginia Department of Education regardless of the disciplinary sanction or if the offense is in violation of the school code of conduct and must be reported if a student is suspended or expelled as required by the federal *Safe and Drug-Free and Communities Act (SDFSCA)*.

Appendix C. Offense Codes Used to Identify Persistently Dangerous Schools

The Virginia Board of Education has established thresholds of incidents per year that are used to identify a persistently dangerous school over a **consecutive three-year period**. The Board adopted the policy, including the process and criteria for identifying such schools, on April 29, 2003. See SUPT'S. MEMO NO. 86 (Informational), May 9, 2003, http://www.pen.k12.va.us/administrators/superintendents_memos/2003/inf086.html.

Degree of Harm	Description of Crime	Offense Code	Points Per Incident
Category I	Homicide-Staff-Firearm	HO1	Automatic Caution

	Homicide-Student-Firearm	HO2	
	Homicide-Staff-Other Weapon	HO3	
	Homicide-Student-Other Weapon	HO4	
	Forcible Rape Against Student	SX4	
	Forcible Rape Against Staff	SX3	
	Use of a Bomb	WP7	
Category II	Assault Against Staff with Firearm or Weapon	BA1	Two Points
	Assault Against Student with Firearm or Weapon	BA3	
	Actual or Attempted Robbery	RO1	
	Kidnapping/Abduction	KI1	
	Malicious Wounding without a Weapon	BA5	
	Aggravated Sexual Assault on a Student	SX8	
Category III	Illegal Possession of:		One Point
	Handgun	WP1	
	Rifle or Shotgun	WP2	
	Any other Projectile Weapon	WP4	
	Bomb	WP6	
	Other Firearms	WP8	
	Illegal Distribution or Sale of Controlled Drugs and Substances with Intent to Distribute and Sell	DR4	

Appendix D. Superintendent's Memos

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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SUPTS. MEMO NO. 86

May 9, 2003

INFORMATIONAL

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jo Lynne DeMary
Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Unsafe School Choice Option: Identification of Persistently Dangerous Schools

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, at Title IX, Section 9532 requires each state receiving funds from the act to establish and implement a statewide Unsafe School Choice Option Policy. Specifically, the requirement states:

SEC. 9532. UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE OPTION

(a) UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY- Each State receiving funds under this Act shall establish and implement a statewide policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school, as determined by the State in consultation with a representative sample of local educational agencies, or who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, as determined by State law, while in or on the grounds of a public elementary school or secondary school that the student attends, be allowed to attend a safe public elementary school or secondary school within the local educational agency, including a public charter school.

(b) CERTIFICATION- As a condition of receiving funds under this Act, a State shall certify in writing to the Secretary that the State is in compliance with this section.

The Virginia Board of Education's statewide policy, adopted May 23, 2002, on students attending a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school or becoming victims of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of a public elementary school or secondary school, is to provide those students with the opportunity to attend a safe public elementary school or secondary school within the local educational agency.

The Board of Education on March 26, 2003, reviewed a proposal for the procedure and criteria to identify persistently dangerous schools. On April 18, Informational Superintendent's Memorandum No. 65 provided a copy of this proposal, called *Persistently Dangerous Schools, Identification Process and Criteria under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

At its April 29, 2003, meeting, the Board approved the proposal with minor editorial changes and the addition of criteria that become effective with the 2003-2004 school year.

The approved plan contains the following changes:

The terms for some incidents have been changed to align with the definitions for these offenses provided in the 2002-2003 *Annual Report on Discipline, Crime, and Violence*. Specifically, the terms “rape and attempted rape” have been replaced with “sexual assault offenses.”

Effective with the 2003-2004 school year, three incidents have been added to the criteria: “aggravated sexual battery,” “malicious wounding without a weapon,” and “illegal possession of controlled drugs and substances with intent to sell or distribute.”

The process for identifying schools remains the same as described in the proposal, with the use of data on incidents to be applied as follows:

Data collected for the 1999-2000 school year and reported in the *Annual Report on Discipline, Crime, and Violence* will be used as baseline data for determining whether there are persistently dangerous schools. Since the schools must be identified for the first time by July of 2003, the first round of school identification will use available data on reported incidents from the 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 annual reports. These incidents include homicide, sexual assault offenses, and use of a bomb or explosive device; assault with a firearm or other weapon, actual and attempted robbery, and kidnapping/abduction; and illegal possession of a handgun, rifle/shotgun, projectile weapon, bomb, or other firearms.

Beginning with the school year 2003-2004, the *Annual Report on Discipline, Crime and Violence* will be modified to add certain incidents that are felonies and to clarify definitions of these incidents for separate reporting of their occurrence. These incidents are “malicious wounding without a weapon,” “aggravated sexual battery,” and “illegal possession of controlled drugs and substances with intent to distribute or sell.” The crimes will be added to the criteria for identification of persistently dangerous schools when the data are collected for the report.

The Virginia Board of Education’s established thresholds of incidents per year will be used to identify a persistently dangerous school over a consecutive three-year period. A copy of the approved plan is attached.

Data provided by school divisions for the *Annual Report on Discipline, Crime, and Violence* for the past three years is currently being reviewed. Should your division have a school that is identified as being “Cautioned,” “On Probation,” or “Persistently Dangerous,” you will be contacted prior to June 30, 2003.

Questions may be directed to Arlene Cundiff, coordinator, safe and drug-free schools program, 804-225-2871 or (acundiff@mail.vak12ed.edu).

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Attachment

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/suptsmemos/2003/inf086a.pdf>

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SUPTS. MEMO NO. 51
September 24, 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jo Lynne DeMary
Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Persistently Dangerous Schools: Notification Procedure for Category I
Incidents

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, Title IX, Section 9532, requires each state receiving funds under the act to establish and implement a statewide Unsafe School Choice Option Policy. Specifically, the requirement states:

SEC. 9532. UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE OPTION

(a) UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY- Each state receiving funds under this Act shall establish and implement a statewide policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school, as determined by the State in consultation with a representative sample of local educational agencies, or who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, as determined by State law, while in or on the grounds of a public elementary school or secondary school that the student attends, be allowed to attend a safe public elementary school or secondary school within the local educational agency, including a public charter school.

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about a revised reporting process to be followed related to the identification of persistently dangerous schools required by *NCLB 2001*. On April 29, 2003, the State Board of Education approved the *Process and Criteria for Identification of Persistently Dangerous Schools*. This information was provided to school divisions under SUPTS. MEMO NO. 86, May 9, 2003.

The approved plan establishes three categories of offenses and assigns either an absolute threshold or point value to each category. Schools accumulate points when these incidents occur. Each school has a point threshold for Category II and III offenses that when exceeded, places the school in either a cautioned, probationary, or persistently dangerous status. For Category I offenses, no points are assigned. A minimum of one incident in this category per school year, regardless of school size, exceeds the threshold for that year.

Category I incidents include homicide, sexual assault offenses, and the use of a bomb or explosive device. Category II incidents include assault with a firearm or other weapon, malicious wounding without a weapon, actual and attempted robbery, aggravated sexual battery, and kidnapping/abduction. Category III incidents include illegal possession of controlled drugs and substances with intent to sell or distribute and illegal possession of a handgun, rifle/shotgun, projectile weapon, bomb or other firearms.

Discipline, crime, and violence data are reported to the Department of Education at the conclusion of the school year. For example, the 2003-04 school year data are required to be reported no later than September 2004 (Reference SUPTS. MEMO NO. 58, October 24, 2003). Consequently, reporting this information is always a year behind the current school year. Because of this time delay in reporting, there is a new process for school divisions to report any Category I offenses when they occur in order to immediately identify a school when it becomes cautioned, on probation, or persistently dangerous because of the incident.

Category I offenses are to be reported within 10 working days to the Department of Education after occurrence. The reports may be made from the departments Discipline, Crime, and Violence reporting website at

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Publications/Discipline/datacoll/2003-2004/03coll.html>

This Web page will provide the link to the notification form that will be completed by the school division within 10 days after a Category I offense occurs. A copy of the form is included as Attachment A.

The division superintendent will be notified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that an identified school within the division will receive a written notification of its status for a period of one year from the date of the incident. In keeping with the procedures originally outlined in SUPTS. MEMO NO. 86, the school must develop or review its corrective action plan (CAP) to increase safety in the school environment and to reduce the number of incidents. The plan also must include the periodic review of school crime and violence data through the year by school officials. The CAP will be due to the Department of Education within 20 working days from the date of the original incident.

The reporting process will still include the discipline, crime, and violence reports that are sent to the Department of Education. The new procedure does not change the reporting process that takes place at the end of the school year.

Questions regarding the submission of this report may be directed by e-mail to: discipln@pen.k12.va.us or to Joyce Martin at 804-225-2966.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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SUPTS. MEMO NO. 52

December 21, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Billy K. Cannaday, Jr.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: *2006-2007 Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report* Collection of New
In-School Suspension Data for Special Education Students

The purpose of this memo is to provide administrative guidance for collecting new data on in-school suspensions for special education students for the 2006-2007 school year. Training regarding this requirement was provided to school division staff who work with the *Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report* through eight regional workshops and two meetings of the SASI Users Group during the fall.

The data are being requested because of new reporting requirements imposed by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), United States Department of Education. Specifically, data must be reported for children with disabilities subject to disciplinary removal for the school year 2006-2007.

In-school suspension is defined as those instances in which a child is temporarily removed from his/her regular classroom(s) for disciplinary purposes but remains under the direct supervision of school personnel. Direct supervision means school personnel are physically in the same location as the students under their supervision.

We ask that school divisions begin collecting new in-school suspension data for special education students starting January 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as is feasible. In-school suspensions must be reported even if there were no reportable offenses. The sanction code of 01 will be used for reporting in-school suspension. The number of days of the in-school suspension must also be reported. A half day in-school suspension will be reported as one day.

An addendum to the *Discipline, Crime, and Violence Comprehensive User Guide* includes specific information about the new reporting requirements. The addendum may be accessed at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Publications/Discipline/datacoll/2006-2007/06coll.html>.

Questions regarding this new federal reporting requirement may be directed to Paul Raskopf at (804) 225-2080 or by e-mail at paul.raskopf@doe.virginia.gov. Other questions regarding submission of this report may be directed to Joyce Martin at (804) 225-2966, or by e-mail at discipln@doe.virginia.gov.

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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

May 22, 2015

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report for School Year 2014-2015

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on the final submission of collected data on discipline, crime, and violence in public school divisions and regional centers/programs for the 2014-2015 school year. Data submitted must meet the following reporting requirements:

- *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
- *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* safety indicator for the School Report Card under 8 VAC 20-131
- *Annual Report on Discipline, Crime, and Violence* in Section 22.1-279.3:1 of the *Code of Virginia*
- The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* report on suspensions and expulsions of students with disabilities
- Federal *Gun-Free Schools Act*
- Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

Application and Data Submission:

The data collection process remains the same for 2014-2015. The data submitted will include the regular 2014-2015 school year and the data from summer school programs during summer 2014.

Although submission procedures and functionality remain the same for 2014-2015 as in previous years, the appearance of the application within the Single Sign-on for Web Systems (SSWS) portal has changed. Please refer to Superintendent's Memo #308-14, *2014-2015 Discipline, Crime, and Violence New Application and Data Submission Procedures*, for further information.

The closing date for submission for the regional centers/programs data is July 15, 2015. The school divisions cannot finalize their discipline, crime, and violence (DCV) data until regional centers/programs have submitted their data to the divisions. The closing date for submission for school divisions is July 31, 2015. The submission window for the 2015-2016 DCV report will be opened on August 18, 2015.

School divisions and regional programs may submit as many times as necessary *prior* to the closing date and as long as the verification report has not been signed and submitted. After the submission window has locked and the verification report has been signed and submitted to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the division superintendent must send a signed letter or e-mail to the Superintendent of Public Instruction requesting resubmission, stating the changes to be made, and the reason(s) for the changes. Please reference the *Comprehensive User Guide for Discipline, Crime, and Violence Data Collection and Submission* which can be downloaded from the following Web address:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_management/data_collection/support/school_safety/discipline_crime_violence/resources/comprehensive_user_guide.pdf.

Additional information related to the data collection process can be downloaded from the Virginia Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/>. Users can select "Information Management" on the left side of the home page, and then select "Data Collection" on the right side of the page, and then select "Student & School Support" on the right side of the page. On the "Student & School Support" page, select "School Safety" in the middle of the screen to view all the documents pertaining to the *Annual Report for Discipline, Crime and Violence*. The Web address to access instructions for submission is:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_management/data_collection/support/school_safety/index.shtml.

Questions regarding the submission of this report may be directed to Tara McDaniel via e-mail at tara.mcdaniel@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone to the Office of Special Education Program Improvement at (804) 786-6765.

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Appendix E. Cross Walk For Offense Code Extractions

Offense Codes

Column 1--Mandatory codes: represent the offense codes that must be reported regardless of sanction and extracted by VDOE for reporting purposes.

Column 2-- Non-mandatory codes represent offense codes to be reported by school divisions with sanctions 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 and extracted by VDOE with sanctions 02, 03, 04, 05, 06.

NOTE: The 01's are extracted for special education reporting.

Legend for sanctions: 01 = half day or more of in-school suspension for special education
 02 = 1-10 days out of school suspension
 03 = 11-364 days out of school suspension
 04 = 365 days out of school expulsion
 05 = Special Education 1-45 days –weapon, drugs and violent assault.
 06 = Special Education VA Supreme Court

		Column 1	Column 2
Offense Term	Offense Code	Offense Codes regardless of sanction to be reported by school divisions and extracted regardless of sanction by VDOE	Offense Codes to be reported by school divisions with 01, 2,3,4,5,6 sanctions and extracted by VDOE
Attendance	A1T		✓
Alcohol-AC1,AC2, AC3	AL1	✓	
Arson	AR1		✓
Battery Against Staff/with Weapon	BA1	✓	
Battery Against Staff	BA2	✓	
Battery Against Student/with Weapon	BA3	✓	
Battery Against Student	BA4	✓	
Malicious Wounding	BA5	✓	
Assault/Battery w/o Injury	BA6	✓	
School Threat	BB1	✓	
Breaking and Entering	BR1		✓
Bullying	BU1	✓	
Cyber Bullying	BU2	✓	
Beepers	C1M		✓
Cellular Phones	C2M		✓
Electronic Devices	C3M		✓
Disrespect	D1C		✓
Defiance	D2C		✓
Disruptive Demonstration	D3C		✓

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Offense Term	Offense Code	Offense Codes regardless of sanction to be reported by school divisions and extracted regardless of sanction by VDOE	Offense Codes to be reported by school divisions with 01, 2,3,4,5,6 sanctions and extracted by VDOE
Obscene/Disruptive Literature	D4C		✓
Over the Counter Med/Use	D4G		✓
Classroom Disruption	D5C		✓
Possession of over the Counter Medicine	D5G		✓
Obscene language/gestures	D6C		✓
Sale/Distribution of over the Counter Medicine	D6G		✓
Minor Insubordination	D8C		✓
Possession of Inhalants	D15	✓	
Use of Inhalants	D16	✓	
Use and Possession of Synthetic Marijuana	DG5	✓	
Distribution or sale of Synthetic Marijuana	DG6	✓	
Possession and Use of Schedule I & II Drugs- DG1,DG2,DG7,DG8,D20,	DR1	✓	
Possession and Use of Look-alike Drugs- D17	DR2	✓	
Theft and Attempted Theft of Prescription Drugs	DR3	✓	
Sale and Distribution of Schedule I & II Drugs, Steroid, and Marijuana- DG3,DG9,D19	DR4	✓	
Use, Possession and Distribution of Drug Paraphernalia- D10,D11,D12	DR5	✓	
Extortion-ET1, ET2	EX1		✓
Altercation	F1T		✓
Fighting w/o Injury	FA2	✓	
Gambling	G1B		✓
Gang Activity	GA1		✓

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Hazing	H1Z		✓
Harassment	HR1	✓	
Homicide	HO1,2,3,4	✓	
Kidnapping	KI1	✓	
Robbery Using Force- RB1, RB2	RO1	✓	
Inciting a Riot	RT1		✓
Inappropriate Personal Property	S1V		✓
Misrepresentation	S2V		✓
Other School Violations	S3V		✓
Sexual Battery/Staff	SB1	✓	
Sexual Battery/Student	SB2	✓	
Stalking	ST1	✓	
Sexual Harassment	SX0	✓	
Offensive Sexual Touching/Staff	SX1	✓	
Offensive Sexual Touching/Student	SX2	✓	
Sexual Assault Staff	SX3	✓	
Sexual Assault Student	SX4	✓	
Attempted Sexual Assault Staff	SX5	✓	
Attempted Sexual Assault Student	SX6	✓	
Sexual Offense without Force (<i>*May or may not have victim count.</i>)	SX7	✓	
Aggravated Sexual Battery	SX8	✓	
Unauthorized Use of Technology	T1C		✓
Causing Damage to computer	T2C		✓
Violation of Acceptable Use Policy	T3C		✓
Bringing Tobacco Paraphernalia to School	T4B		✓

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Violation of the Internet Policy	T4C		✓
Tobacco Products	TB1	✓	
Electronic Cigarette	TB2		
Theft-TF1,2,3,4	TH1		✓
Theft of a Motor Vehicle-TF6	TH2		✓
Threat of Staff	TI1	✓	
Threat of Student	TI2	✓	
Trespassing	TR1		✓
Vandalism	VA1		✓
Possession of a Toy or Look-alike Gun	W3P		✓
Possession of Razor Blades, Box Cutters, knife (less than 3 inches)	W8P		✓
Possession of Fireworks	W9P		✓
Possession of Chemical Substance	W2P	✓	
Possession of a BB Gun	WP0	✓	
Possession of a Handgun	WP1	✓	
Possession of a Shotgun/Rifle	WP2	✓	
Possession of Weapon that Expels a Projectile	WP4	✓	
Possession of Knife More Than Three Inches	WP5		✓
Possession of Explosive Device	WP6	✓	
Use of a Bomb	WP7	✓	
Possession of Other Firearm	WP8	✓	
Possession of Other Weapon	WP9	✓	
Possession of Stun gun	WS1	✓	
Possession of Taser	WT1	✓	
Possession of Ammunition	W1P		✓

Appendix F. Related Documents and Information Resources

Related Documents

Laws, policies, and publications cited related to discipline, crime, and violence reporting can be accessed from the following sources:

State and Federal Laws

Code of Virginia – Searchable database of *Code of Virginia*

<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/ESEA/sec14601.html>

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

http://www.ed.gov/ESSA_2015/landing.html

Virginia Superintendent’s Memos

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See SUPT’S. MEMO NO. 132-15, May 22, 2015

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http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2015/132-15.shtml

Virginia’s Unsafe School Choice Option: Persistently Dangerous Schools Identification Process and Criteria.

See SUPT’S. MEMO NO. 86 (Informational), May 9, 2003

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2003/inf086.html

Persistently Dangerous Schools: Notification Procedure for Category I Incidents

See SUPT’S. MEMO NO. 51, September 24, 2004

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2004/adm051.html

2006-2007 Discipline, Crime, and Violence Report: Collection of New In-School Suspension Data for Special Education Students.

See SUPT’S. MEMO NO. 52 (Administrative), December 21, 2006.

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2006/adm052.html

Virginia’s Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR)

The Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR) is a web-based reporting tool that allows users to display school-safety data at the state, division and school levels. The SSIR supports prevention, program planning and management while increasing public access to school-safety data.

SSIR website:

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/>

SSIR User Guide:

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/pti/>

Other Key Publications

Virginia Student Code of Conduct Guidelines

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/guidance/safety/student_conduct.pdf

U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Forum on Education Statistics. *Safety in Numbers: Collecting and Using Incident Data to Make a Difference in Schools*, NCES 2002-312. Washington, DC: 2002.

Available online at <http://nced.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences. (December 2007). *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*, NCES 2008-021. Washington, DC. Available online at:

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crimeindicators/crimeindicators2007/>