






Behavior Offenses by Category with Response Levels

Behaviors are organized by category with the designated leveled administrative response. Depending on the severity of the behavior, short-term and long-term removal from the classroom or the traditional school setting may be appropriate. These may include out-of-school suspensions, recommendations for long-term suspension/expulsion, and alternative placement.	
	In accordance with §22.1-279.3:1.A. of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> , behaviors which must be reported to law enforcement are identified in this document with a star icon. See notes in chart in situations where reporting is “recommended” or “conditional.”
#	Behaviors that require the schools to report the number of victims are indicated with a pound sign.
	Behaviors involving the possession, use, consumption, or distribution of alcohol or drugs may require the student to participate in a substance abuse education program. Those behaviors are indicated with a diamond symbol.
	Behaviors considered potentially dangerous to the safety of the individual, others, and/or the school may require a Threat Assessment to determine the level of potential risk a student poses to self or others. Those behaviors are indicated with a flag symbol.
	Behaviors involving potential harassment or discrimination that are sexual in nature or are based on sex or gender may be indicative for a Title IX grievance. Consider a consult with the Title IX Coordinator of you suspect a potential violation of Title IX. Although not exhaustive, some behaviors that may indicate a Title IX violation is indicated with a file symbol.
	Any behavior that involves bullying or if a student indicates they are being bullied, Virginia regulations now require the parent / guardian of a child suspected of being bullied to be notified within 24 hours of the report. Though many other behaviors may be involved in bullying, the most obvious requiring parental notification are indicated using the phone icon.

CATEGORY BAP: Behaviors that Impede Academic Progress

Behavior	K - 5 Disposition	6 - 12 Disposition
BAP1: Interfering with learning in the classroom (examples include talking, excessive noise, off-task, out of seat, possessing items that distract)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 1
BAP2: Interfering with learning outside of the classroom (examples include excessive noise, interrupting a class)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
BAP3: Scholastic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, forgery (including computer forgery), lying, stealing, or any other acts of dishonesty)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 1
BAP4: Unexcused tardiness to class (A student is considered tardy to class if they are not in the classroom when the class is scheduled to begin without permission.)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 1
BAP5: Unexcused tardiness to school (A student is considered tardy to school if they are not in the classroom when the school day is scheduled to begin.)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2

CATEGORY BSO: Behaviors Related to School Operations		
Behavior	K - 5 Disposition	6 - 12 Disposition
BSO1: Altering an official document or record	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO2: Giving false information, misrepresentation (<i>i.e. intentional or repeated cheating, plagiarism, lying</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO3: Refusal to comply with requests of staff in a way that interferes with the operation of the school	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO4: Failure to be in one's assigned place (<i>this includes missing or skipping a class or activity with no justifiable reason, as well as leaving class prior to the time of dismissal without permission of the teacher</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO5: Failure to attend assigned disciplinary setting (<i>detention, in-school suspension, Alternatives to Suspension</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO6: Bringing unauthorized persons to school or allowing unauthorized persons to enter the school building	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO7: Dress Code Violation	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 1
BSO8: Gambling (<i>including games of chance for money or profit as defined in § 18.2-46.1. Possession of gambling devices and paraphernalia is prohibited.</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO9: Possessing items that are inappropriate for school (<i>examples include toys, literature, electronics</i>)	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 1
BSO10: Possession of stolen items #	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSO11: Unauthorized use of school electronic or other equipment	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
BSO12: Violation of the Acceptable Use of Technology/internet policy	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO13: Violation of School Board policy regarding the possession or use of portable communication devices	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO14: Vandalism, graffiti or other damage to school or personal property (<i>Thoughtless defacement, damage, or destruction and willful or malicious acts of damage or destruction of public/school property</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
CATEGORY RB: Relationship Behaviors		
<i>These behaviors create a negative relationship between two or more people that does not result in physical harm.</i>		
Behavior	K - 5 Disposition	6 - 12 Disposition
RB1: Bullying with no physical injury # 📞	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
RB2: Cyberbullying # 📞	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
RB3: Posting, distributing, displaying, or sharing inappropriate material or literature, including using electronics means	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
RB4: Saying or writing either directly or through electronic communication sexually suggestive comments, innuendos, propositions, or other remarks of a sexual nature 📧	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
RB5: Stealing money or property without physical force #	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
RB6: Speaking to another in an uncivil, discourteous manner	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
RB7: Teasing, taunting, engaging in a verbal confrontation, verbally inciting a fight	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
RB8: Using profane or vulgar language or gestures (<i>swearing, cursing, hate speech, gang signs or gestures</i>)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
RB9: Using slurs based upon the actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, national origin, citizenship / immigration status, weight, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability # 📧	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3

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BSO1: Altering an official document or record	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSO2: Giving false information, misrepresentation (i.e. intentional or repeated cheating, plagiarism, lying)	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
RB10: Failure to respond to questions or requests by staff	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
RB11: Unwanted or inappropriate physical contact of a sexual nature 📁	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
CATEGORY BSC: Behaviors that Present a Safety Concern		
BSC1: Alcohol: Possessing or using alcohol ⚡	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC2: Alcohol: Distributing alcohol to other students ⚡	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
BSC3: Drugs: Possessing drug paraphernalia ⚡	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC4: Drugs: Violating School Board non-prescription (over the counter) medication policy or look-alike drug policy	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC5: Tobacco: Possessing/Using/Distributing tobacco products, possessing tobacco paraphernalia, electronic cigarettes, vaping equipment	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC6: Bullying behavior without physical injury that continues after intervention (Bullying that leads to physical injury will be classified as Assault and Battery.) 📌 # 📞	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC7: Cyberbullying that continues after intervention (Cyberbullying that relates a threat to the safety of students and staff should be treated with a higher level of intervention and consequences.) 📌 # 📞	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC8: Harassment (Repeatedly annoying or attacking a student or a group of students or personnel creating an intimidating or hostile educational or work environment)	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC9: Bus: Distracting the bus driver (see also Appendix B, Family Guide to School Bus/Transportation Safety)	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC10: Bus: Endangering the safety of others on the bus. See also Appendix B, Family Guide to School Bus/Transportation Safety. (Serious or repeated incidents of bus misconduct will result in denying the student the privilege of riding on the bus.)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC11: Fire alarm: Falsely activating a fire or other disaster alarm	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC12: Fire Related: Possessing items that could be used to set or cause a fire or produce large amounts of smoke	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC13: Engaging in reckless behavior that creates a risk of injury to self or others (including reckless use of a vehicle on school property) 📌	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC14: Fighting that results in no injury as determined by school administration	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC15: Inciting or causing a substantial disturbance to the operation of school or the safety of staff and/or students	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC16: Throwing an object with potential to cause a disturbance/injury/property damage	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC17: Shoving, pushing, striking, biting another a student with no visible injury	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC18: Exposing body parts, lewd or indecent public behavior 📌 #	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BSC19: Physical contact of sexual nature-patting body parts, pinching/tugging clothing 📌 # 📁	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3
BSC21: Stalking 📌 # 📞 (notification recommended)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC22: Stealing money or property using physical force (no weapon involved) #	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC23: Stealing/attempting to steal money/property using weapons/dangerous instrument 📌	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BSC24: Leaving school grounds without permission	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 2
BSC25: Trespassing	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
BSC26: Possessing dangerous instruments/substances that could be used to inflict harm 📌	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BSC27: Weapons: Possessing any weapon (other than firearm) 📌 📞 (notification conditional)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4

CATEGORY BESO: Behaviors that Endanger Self or Others		
Behavior	K – 5 Disposition	6 - 12 Disposition
BESO1: Assault: Intending to cause physical injury to another person ■ #	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO2: Assault and Battery: Causing physical injury to another person # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO3: Fighting: The use of physical violence between students or on another person where there is minor injury as determined by the school administration	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO4: Striking Staff: The use of force against a staff member when no injury is caused # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO5: Drugs: Possessing controlled substances, illegal drugs, inhalants, synthetic hallucinogens or unauthorized prescription medications ♦ ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO6: Drugs: Being under the influence of controlled substances, illegal drugs, inhalants, synthetic hallucinogens, or unauthorized prescription medications ♦	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO7: Drugs: Using controlled substances or using illegal drugs or synthetic hallucinogens or unauthorized prescription medications ♦	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO8: Drugs: Distributing controlled substances or prescription medications or illegal drugs or synthetic hallucinogens or alcohol to other student(s) ♦ ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO9: Fire: Attempting to set, aiding in setting, or setting a fire ■	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO10: Gang-Related Behavior (<i>Engaging in threatening or dangerous behavior that is gang-related</i>) ■	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO11: Hazing ■ #	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO12: Threatening, intimidating, or instigating violence, injury or harm to a staff member or members ■ # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4
BESO15: Using an object not generally considered to be a weapon to threaten or attempt to injure school personnel ■ # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO16: Using an object not generally considered to be a weapon to threaten or attempt to injure student or other(s) ■ # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO17: Bomb threat –Making a bomb threat ■ # ☼ (notification conditional)	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
BESO18: A crime in the community where the student was charged with an offense relating to the Commonwealth's laws, but required to be disclosed to the superintendent of the school division pursuant to § 16.1-260(G) ■ # ☼	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5

CATEGORY PD: Behaviors described in the Virginia’s Unsafe School Choice Option Policy required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.		
Behavior	K – 5 Disposition	6 - 12 Disposition
PD1: Homicide - Firearm 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD2: Homicide - Other Weapon 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD3: Sexual Assault 🏠 # 🚫 📁	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD4: Attempted Sexual Assault 🏠 # 🚫 📁	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD5: Use of a Bomb 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD6: Assault with Firearm or Weapon 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD7: Actual or Attempted Robbery 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD8: Kidnapping/Abduction 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD9: Malicious Wounding without a Weapon 🏠 # 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD10: Aggravated Sexual Battery on a Student 🏠 # 🚫 📁	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD11: Illegal Possession of Handgun 🏠 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD12: Illegal Possession of Rifle or Shotgun 🏠 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD13: Illegal Possession of Any Other Projectile Weapon 🏠 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD14: Illegal Possession of Bomb 🏠 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD15: Illegal Possession of Other Firearms 🏠 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5
PD16: Illegal Possession of Controlled Drugs and Substances with Intent to Distribute or Sell 🏠 💎 🚫	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5