



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

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School Discipline Laws and Regulations

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## State-Sponsored, Publicly Available Websites or Other Resources on School Discipline

Safe, supportive learning environments use disciplinary policies and practices that help students stay out of the justice system, while ensuring academic engagement and success for all students. The following resources provided by Minnesota provide additional context to state policy and regulations and, in some cases, may support the readers' efforts to provide a positive disciplinary school climate.

Title	Description	Website address (if applicable)
<b>Website</b>		
Alternatives to Suspension, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)	Provides resources for school staff to reduce out-of-school suspensions as a response to disciplinary incidents to keep students in school where they can learn.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/alt/index.htm">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/alt/index.htm</a>
Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems (CSMHS)	Provides information and resources on school-community collaborations that provide a continuum of mental health services in schools to enhance outcomes for individual students, reduce exclusionary discipline practices, better social/emotional functioning, and improve both school climate and safety.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/CSMHS/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/CSMHS/</a>
Discipline, MDE	Provides general information about due process protections that Minnesota schools must provide to students who are dismissed (suspended, expelled, or excluded) from school.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/index.htm">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/index.htm</a>
Dropout Prevention/At Risk Students, MDE	Addresses dropout prevention in Minnesota schools and provides an overview of the Minnesota Early Indicator and Response System (MEIRS).	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/drop/">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/drop/</a>
Ensuring Safe and Supportive Schools, MDE	Provides resources for all members of the school community, including school staff, students, and families. Links are provided to subsections related to school climate such as bullying prevention, restorative practices, social emotional learning, and crisis and traumatic event resources.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/safe/">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/safe/</a>
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Center, MDE	Describes the Minnesota Equity in Action Framework and offers resources about nonexclusionary discipline and legislative updates.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/edi/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/edi/</a>
Expulsion, MDE	Provides information about expulsion and exclusion procedures and due process protections for Minnesota students.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/exp/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/exp/</a>

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), MDE	Provides an overview of MTSS and includes links to additional resources for schools.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/mtss/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/mtss/</a>
Physical Holds and Seclusion, MDE	Provides general information about the standards for the use of restrictive procedures (physical holds and seclusion) in Minnesota schools.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/sped/holds/index.htm">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/sped/holds/index.htm</a>
Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), MDE	Provides an overview on PBIS in Minnesota's schools and the use of the PBIS Recognition system to identify and recognize exemplar schools and districts that have completed PBIS implementation and are continuing to achieve positive student outcomes.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/pbis/index.htm">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/pbis/index.htm</a>
Q&As on Discipline, Unique Placements, and Restrictive Procedures	Contains technical assistance documents on discipline and other topics.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/sped/caqa/dis/index.htm">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/sped/caqa/dis/index.htm</a>
Restorative Practices, MDE	Provides information about developing a restorative mindset, implementing restorative practices in schools, and integrating restorative practices into schoolwide climate alongside efforts to increase equity, address the impact of racism, and support public health measures.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/prac/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/prac/</a>
Restrictive Procedures, MDE	Provides an overview on restrictive procedures for school districts and links additional resources such as model restrictive procedures forms and a compliance checklist.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/restr/index.htm">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/restr/index.htm</a>
School and Staff Resources, MDE	Provides school and staff with resources, tools, strategies and best practices to prevent bullying, respond to bullying and improve school climate. Webpage contains links to training and procedures, model policies, resources for responding to trauma and tragedy, and school safety.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/res/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/safe/res/</a>
Student Discipline, MDE	Provides student discipline resources for Minnesota schools, including nonexclusionary discipline resources, opportunities for training and technical assistance and information about reporting discipline data through MDE's electronic reporting system.	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/disc/">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/disc/</a>
Suspension, MDE	Provides information about suspension procedures and due process protections for Minnesota students.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/susp/">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/disc/susp/</a>
<b>Documents</b>		
A Toolkit for Ensuring Safe and Supportive Schools	Toolkit providing guidance for schools to create school environments where transgender and gender nonconforming	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE072543&amp;R">https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE072543&amp;R</a>

for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students (September 2017), MDE	students are safe, supported and fully included, and have equal access to the educational opportunities provided to all students.	<a href="#">evisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&amp;Rendition=primary</a>
Restorative Practices School Implementation Guidance (January 2020), MDE	Guidance document providing school districts with support for implementing restorative practices into their districts and schools.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplgIdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE089351&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=latestRelease-d&amp;Rendition=primary">https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplgIdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE089351&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=latestRelease-d&amp;Rendition=primary</a>
School Districts' Progress in Reducing the Use of Restrictive Procedures in Minnesota Schools (March 2024), MDE	Report to the state legislature containing information about Minnesota's progress towards its goals and recommendations and resources on reducing the use of restrictive procedures and eliminating the use of seclusion in Minnesota schools (Appendix D)	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/leg/rpt/2024Reports/PROD083754">https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/leg/rpt/2024Reports/PROD083754</a>
Social Emotional Learning District Implementation and Professional Development Guidance, MDE	Guidance document supporting the SEL implementation process, from assessing capacity and developing plans for implementation to detailed guidance on implementation and assessment.	<a href="https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplgIdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE073520&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&amp;Rendition=primary">https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplgIdcService=GET_FILE&amp;dDocName=MDE073520&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&amp;Rendition=primary</a>
<b><i>Other Resources</i></b>		
Discipline Data, MDE	Reports summarize the disciplinary incident data as well as student demographic data (grade, gender, race/ethnicity) for disciplinary actions (suspensions, exclusions and expulsions) by district and state totals for the most current school year. Includes a trend report of student disciplinary actions by district and state totals for the last three school years.	<a href="https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=133">https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=133</a>