



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

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Website address (if applicable)</i>
<i>Website</i>		
Bullying & Harassment, Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)	Provides information for parents, students, and school regarding how to respond to bullying.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/bullying-and-harassment.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/bullying-and-harassment.html</a>
Chronic Absenteeism, TDOE	Addresses Chronic Absenteeism as an indicator called "Chronically Out-of-School Indicator" and provides information on the importance of indicator and data collection, including related resources and Back-to-School Attendance Toolkit.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/students/student-supports-in-tn/chronic-absenteeism.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/students/student-supports-in-tn/chronic-absenteeism.html</a>
Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments, TDOE	Provides links and key terms to subtopics such as school safety, school climate, bullying, and harassment.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety.html</a>
Implementation Guide: Response to Instruction and Intervention Framework, TDOE	Implementation guide for school districts and administrators regarding the RTI <sup>2</sup> framework to ensure positive outcomes for Tennessee students.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/instruction/tdoe-rti2/rti2-redirect/rti-educators/tdoe3-rti-educators-implementation-guide.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/instruction/tdoe-rti2/rti2-redirect/rti-educators/tdoe3-rti-educators-implementation-guide.html</a>
RTI <sup>2</sup> , TDOE	Provides resources and information about the Response to Instruction and Intervention Framework.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/instruction/tdoe-rti2/rti2-redirect/rti2-resources.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/instruction/tdoe-rti2/rti2-redirect/rti2-resources.html</a>
School Safety, TDOE	Provides an overview on school safety and links to related topics including bullying and harassment, school resource officers, school discipline institute presentations, and other resources.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/school-safety.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/school-safety.html</a>

Student Supports in Tennessee, TDOE	Provides a framework for seeing how all the practices, programs, and interventions fit together to meet student needs.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/students/student-supports-in-tn/student-supports-in-tn.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/students/student-supports-in-tn/student-supports-in-tn.html</a>
<b>Documents</b>		
Bullying and Harassment: An Educator's Guide for Addressing Bullying and Harassment Complaints in Tennessee (October 2012), TDOE	Manual for LEAs on bullying and harassment.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_educator_guide_complaints.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_educator_guide_complaints.pdf</a>
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Overview of Student Supports in Tennessee (March 2018), TDOE	Provides in-depth information regarding the Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework to assist school administrators in adopting and implementing MTSS in schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/reports/student_supports_overview.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/reports/student_supports_overview.pdf</a>
FAQ, Restraint and Isolation for Students Receiving Special Education and Related Services (July 2021) TDOE	Provides responses to frequently asked questions regarding the restraint and seclusion of students receiving special education and related services	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/special-education/Restraint%20and%20Isolation%20FAQ%20.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/special-education/Restraint%20and%20Isolation%20FAQ%20.pdf</a>
Sample Bullying and Harassment Policy, TDOE	Sample policy addressing bullying and harassment in schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_sample_policy.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/bully_harass_sample_policy.pdf</a>
Sample Memorandum of Understanding, TDOE	Sample MOU for school resource officer program in Tennessee schools.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/safety/documents/SRO_Grant_MOU.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/safety/documents/SRO_Grant_MOU.pdf</a>
Trauma-informed Discipline Practices Guidance Document, TDOE	Guidance document provides information about trauma-informed discipline practices.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/Trauma_informed_Discipline_Practices_Guidance.docx">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/safety/Trauma_informed_Discipline_Practices_Guidance.docx</a>
<b>Other Resources</b>		

2022 Legislative Report, TDOE	Report on Public Chapters and Resolutions Affecting K-12 Education in Tennessee.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2022_Legislative_Report_final.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2022_Legislative_Report_final.pdf</a>
Bullying and Harassment Compliance Report (Updated December 2022), TDOE	Document states the total number of bullying cases reported statewide (2020-21).	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2021-22_Bullying_and_Harassment_Compliance_Report.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/2021-22_Bullying_and_Harassment_Compliance_Report.pdf</a>
Social and Personal Competencies, TDOE	Online learning modules that introduce the concept of social and personal competencies and teaching practices that support the academic, social, and emotional skills development of all students.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/school-climate/social-and-personal-competencies.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/health-and-safety/school-climate/social-and-personal-competencies.html</a>
State Report Card, TDOE	State report card provides data by school year on student characteristics, college/career readiness, accountability, education climate, and teachers/staff. Data on disciplinary actions is disaggregated by race and gender.	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/families/report-card.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/families/report-card.html</a>