

REPORTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

I. Purpose

The School Board is committed to the safety, health, and well-being of all Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) students and staff. ACPS will take proactive measures to create a school climate that is safe, equitable and conducive to learning. The school division will report acts of violence and substance abuse to law enforcement as required by Virginia law while also supporting students with interventions that meet their individual and unique needs and encourage behavior change.

The purpose of reporting acts of violence and substance abuse is to facilitate partnerships with child serving agencies throughout Alexandria City to develop a program of wrap-around preventative and restorative activities to provide a safe environment conducive to learning.

II. Prevention and Intervention Activities

Whenever any student commits any reportable incident as set forth in this policy, such student shall be required to participate in prevention and intervention activities as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or designee.

The School Board develops, in cooperation with parents/guardians, the community at large, local law-enforcement agencies, and juvenile and domestic relations court judges and personnel, programs to prevent violence and crime on school property and at school-sponsored events, which include prevention of hazing and bullying. These programs are in alignment with Policy JFC Student Code of Conduct and include activities designed to prevent the recurrence of violence and crime, including hazing and bullying, may include such interventions as education relating to Virginia’s criminal law, school crime lines, peer mediation, conflict resolution, restorative practices, social/emotional learning, community service requirements and any program focused on demonstrating the consequences of violence and crime. The School Board may develop and use a tiered system of support and a network of volunteer services in implementing prevention activities.

III. Acts Reported to the Superintendent and Principal

A. Reports are made to the superintendent and the principal or principal’s designee on all incidents involving

1. alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, an 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;
2. the assault and battery that results in bodily injury, of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
3. the sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person, abduction of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-47 or § 18.2-48, or stalking

47 of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school
48 property, or at a school-sponsored activity;

- 49 4. any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school
50 property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
- 51 5. the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-277.07, onto school
52 property;
- 53 6. any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax
54 explosive devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary
55 devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-433.1, or chemical bombs, as described in
56 Va. Code § 18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored
57 activity;
- 58 7. any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-83, made
59 against school personnel or involving school property or school buses;
- 60 8. the arrest of any student for an incident occurring on a school bus, on school
61 property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the charge therefore; or
- 62 9. any illegal possession of weapons, alcohol, drugs or tobacco products.

63 The principal of each school collects and maintains information on the above listed acts
64 which occur on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity.
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67 B. The Superintendent and the principal or designee shall receive reports from local law
68 enforcement authorities on offenses, wherever committed, by students enrolled at the school if
69 the offense would be a felony if committed by an adult or would be a violation of the Drug
70 Control Act (Va. Code § 54.1-3400 et seq.) and occurred on a school bus, on school property,
71 or at a school-sponsored activity, or would be an adult misdemeanor involving any incidents
72 described in clauses (1) through (8) of subsection III.A. of this policy, and whether the student
73 is released to the custody of the student's parent/guardian or, if 18 years of age or more, is
74 released on bond. The Superintendent may request that the reports include information
75 regarding terms of release from detention, court dates and terms of any disposition orders
76 entered by the court. When the Superintendent receives notification that a juvenile has
77 committed an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult pursuant to subsection G of
78 Va. Code § 16.1-260, the Superintendent reports such information to the principal of the school
79 in which the juvenile is enrolled.
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81 **IV. Reporting Duties of the Principal and Superintendent**

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83 Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation, or jurisprudence, each
84 principal:

- 85 ● immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in clause
86 III.A.1 of this policy that may constitute a felony offense;
- 87 ● immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in clauses
88 III.A.3 through 7 of this policy except that a principal is not required to but may report to
89 the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in clause III.A.4 committed by a
90 student who has a disability;

- may report to the local law-enforcement agency any other incident described in clauses III.A.1 through 8 of this policy that is not required to be reported by the previous two bullets; and
- immediately reports any act enumerated in clauses III.A.1 through 5 of this policy that may constitute a criminal offense to the parents of any minor student who is the specific object of such act. The principal also reports whether the incident has been reported to local law enforcement pursuant to this policy and, if the incident has been so reported, that the parents may contact local law enforcement for further information.

The principal or designee reports all incidents required to be reported pursuant to clause III.A. of this policy to the Superintendent. The Superintendent annually reports all such incidents to the Department of Education for the purpose of recording the frequency of such incidents on forms that are provided by the Department and makes such information available to the public.

In submitting reports of such incidents, principals and the Superintendent or designee accurately indicate any offenses, arrests or charges as recorded by law-enforcement authorities and required to be reported by such authorities pursuant to subsection III.B. of this policy.

The principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian of any student involved in an incident required to be reported pursuant to this policy, regardless of whether disciplinary action is taken against such student or the nature of the disciplinary action. Such notice relates to only the relevant student’s involvement and does not include information regarding other students.

The principal or designee follows all current ACPS/APD MOU requirements when law enforcement contact is made with a school. All incidents reported to Safety and Security Services should be in line with this policy.

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