

# Virginia

Virginia has many agency programs and contacts that can help your school build a school safety plan. Check out these resources as you develop your plan.

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# **State Programs**

## **Center for School and Campus Safety**

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Created in 2000, the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS), located within the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service, focuses on improving and enhancing safety by addressing topics which affect Virginia law enforcement, schools, and institutions of higher education.

Website: https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety

## Virginia Department of Education

#### State Board of Education

The mission of the Virginia Department of Education is to lead and facilitate the development and implementation of a quality public education system that meets the needs of students and assists them in becoming educated, productive, responsible, and self-reliant citizens.

Website: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/

## **Division & School Safety**

#### Virginia Department of Education

The Division & School Safety program provides tips, resources, and planning guides to help schools maintain a safe and secure building.

**Website:** <u>https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/school-operations-support-services/safety-</u>crisis-management/division-school-safety

#### **Community Preparedness**

#### Virginia Department of Emergency Management

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management helps users learn about the types of emergencies and disasters that can occur in their state, make a plan to prepare for hazards and threats and gather the supplies needed to be prepared for emergencies.

Website: https://www.vaemergency.gov/

#### K-12 Threat Assessment

#### DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

Over the past decade, the Commonwealth of Virginia has led the nation in efforts to implement threat assessment procedures in institutions of higher education and pre-K-12 public schools. In 2013, the

Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation requiring all public school divisions to establish and operate threat assessment teams in support of their schools- making Virginia the first state in the country to require such action.

Website: https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety/threat-assessmentvirginia

## K-12 Curriculum and Resources

#### DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

This page contains VCSCS publications and other helpful links on a variety of topics to include the Virginia School Safety Audit program, crisis and emergency planning, school resource officers, threat assessment, bullying and school climate, and additional resources.

Website: https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety/k-12-resources-andcurriculum

# **Contact Information**

#### State and Local

# Department of Criminal Justice Services - Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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Website: https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety

## **Virginia Department of Education**

The mission of the Virginia Department of Education is to advance equitable and innovative learning.

PO Box 2120, Richmond, Virginia 23218

Phone: 800-292-3820

Website: https://www.doe.virginia.gov/

#### Federal

## FEMA Region III

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 615 Chestnut Street One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404 (215) 931-5500 femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov

## **CISA** Region III

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Email: <u>CISARegion3@hq.dhs.gov</u>

## **FBI Field Offices**

Norfolk, VA 509 Resource Row Chesapeake, VA 23320 <u>https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/norfolk</u> (757) 455-0100

Covers the southeastern part of Virginia, including the Southside, Peninsula, and the Virginia Eastern Shore

Richmond, VA 1970 East Parham Road Richmond, VA 23228 https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/richmond (804) 261-1044

Covers most of the state of Virginia, except Northern Virginia and the Eastern Shore Washington, D.C.

Washington, DC 601 4th Street NW Washington, DC 20535 <u>https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/washingtondc</u> (202) 278-2000

Covers the District of Columbia and several counties in Northern Virginia

## **HHS Regional Office**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 801 Market Street, Suite 8000 Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 861-4633

#### Other

#### **Fusion Centers**

Virginia Fusion Center (Primary) 804-674-2196

Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center; Fairfax, VA (Recognized) 703-802-2746

# **State Resources**

**Training Program** 

Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety Trainings

This webpage provides the current trainings being offered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Division of Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety.

Program

School Safety Audit and Climate

This webpage provides an overview of the Virginia School Safety Audit Program and its five safety audit components. All Virginia public schools are required to conduct an annual school safety audit in order to assess school safety conditions.

Webpage

School Resource Officers

This page offers information and resources for School Resource Officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Webpage

This webpage provides resources and training to assist Virginia schools, campuses, and law enforcement in satisfying requirements for mandated threat assessment teams.

**Training Program** 

School Security Officer (SSO) Certification Program

This webpage includes general information on the School Security Officer certification process for the State of Virginia. It also provides additional resources, training, and events across the state.

Training Program

Critical Incident Preparedness and Response

This statewide initiative promotes safety preparedness through the "Whole Community Approach" and offers both first responder and community-focused training courses to help keep Virginia prepared.

Webpage

Mental Health and Trauma Support

This webpage provides information regarding available training, programs, and resources related to mental health and trauma support for Virginia K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

# **State Grants & Funding Opportunities**

Assessment

SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program

Grants to localities for School Resource Officer and School Security Officer positions.

# **State Events & Opportunities**

#### Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety Training Page

DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

The VCSCS holds over 150 training and conference events annually, serving more than 8000 people with an interest in school and campus safety and law enforcement training each year. We have expanded our offerings to include many virtual training options in response to the pandemic.

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