



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

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

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>

SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

This grant program provides funding to localities to place either a School Resource Officer or School Security Officer in elementary and secondary schools where none currently exist.

Website: <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety/public-safety/grants/srosso-incentive-grant-program>

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 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-and-curriculum>

School Resource Officers

DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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

Website: <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety/school-resource-officers>

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-assessment-virginia>

Contact Information

State and Local

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

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Phone: 804-225-3948

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: CISARegion3@hq.dhs.gov

FBI Field Offices

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

(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

[Civilian Response and Casualty Care](#)

State Agency

This one day course offered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options and basic medical intervention to reduce preventable causes of death.

Training Program

[K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment Training](#)

State Agency

This one day, basic threat assessment training offered by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety provides K-12 threat assessment teams with tools and resources to conduct and manage threat cases as required by Virginia code. It is designed to help schools continue to comply with VA Code § 22.1-79.4 (creation of threat assessment teams) and § 9.1-184 (collection and reporting of data by threat assessment teams).

Training Program

[School Resource Officer and School Administrator Basic Course](#)

State Agency

This four and a half day course offered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services focuses on working with youth, school safety, school law, and in particular, the functions of school resource officers and school administrators in a PreK-12 school environment. This course is required for all law enforcement officers assigned as SROs to a Virginia public school.

Training Program

[School Security Officer Initial Certification Training](#)

State Agency

This two day class offered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) includes a presentation of the five DCJS school security officer modules followed by the required DCJS testing. This training is intended for school security officers, currently employed by a Virginia Public School Division or by a private school within the Commonwealth, who are in need of initial certification.

Guidance

[Suicide Prevention Guidelines for Virginia Public Schools](#)

State Agency, 2020

These guidelines provide information to assist local school boards in revising policies to help prevent suicide and procedures to intervene when suicidal threats are present, and how to manage the crisis response when a death by suicide occurs in the school community.

Program

[Virginia School Safety Audit Program](#)

State Agency

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.

Training Program

[School Security Officer Certification Program](#)

State Agency

This webpage provides information for the Virginia School Security Officer Certification Program, including FAQs, forms, events, resources, and contacts.

State Grants & Funding Opportunities

Assessment

[SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program](#)

State Agency

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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[DCJS Updates](#)

DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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