



Georgia School Discipline Sources Cited

Excerpted from Georgia Compilation of School
Discipline Laws and Regulations

Prepared: January 12, 2016

Georgia State Codes Cited

Georgia Revised Laws

The State of Georgia contracts with LexisNexis to provide free public access to the Georgia Code (<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/>). Users must agree to terms and conditions prior to use of the site. All listed laws are searchable by title and chapter number or by using key search terms.

Title 15. Courts

Chapter 11. Juvenile Code

Article 9. Access to hearings and Records

- 15-11-707. Notice to school superintendent
- 15-11-710. Exchange of information

Title 16. Crimes and Offenses

Chapter 5. Crimes Against the Person

Article 4. Reckless Conduct

- 16-5-61. Hazing

Chapter 11. Offenses Against Public Order and Safety

Article 4. Dangerous Instrumentalities and Practices

Part 3. Carrying and Possession of Firearms

- 16-11-127.1. Carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property
- 16-11-130.1. Allowing personnel to carry weapons within certain school safety zones and at school functions

Chapter 13. Controlled Substances

Article 2. Regulation of Controlled Substances

Part 1. Schedules, Offenses, and Penalties

- 16-13-32.4. Manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing controlled substances in, on, or near public or private schools

Title 20. Education

Chapter 1A. Early Care and Learning

Article 1. General Provisions

- 20-1A-15. "Inspection warrant" defined; procedure for issuance; evidence generated inadmissible in criminal proceedings

Chapter 2. Elementary and Secondary Education

Article 6. Quality Basic Education

Part 2. Competencies and Core Curriculum

- 20-2-142. Prescribed courses
- 20-2-145. Comprehensive character education program

Part 3. Educational Programs

- 20-2-155. School climate management program; model codes of behavior and discipline

Part 14. Other Educational Programs

- 20-2-314. Development of rape prevention, personal safety education, and teen dating violence prevention programs

Part 15. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 20-2-324. Internet safety policies in public schools

Article 16. Students

Part 1. School Attendance

Subpart 2. Compulsory Attendance

- 20-2-690.1. Mandatory education for children between ages six and 16
- 20-2-690.2. Establishment of student attendance protocol committee; membership and protocol; summary of penalties for failure to comply; reporting
- 20-2-695. Employing attendance officers in addition to visiting teachers; authority and duties
- 20-2-696. Duties of visiting teachers and attendance officers
- 20-2-697. Cooperation of principals and teachers in public schools with visiting teachers and attendance officers; attendance reports and records kept by public schools; letter indicating enrollment
- 20-2-698. Peace officers may take temporary custody of truant children away from home
- 20-2-699. Disposition of children taken into custody
- 20-2-700. Reports by peace officers to school authorities and parent or guardian
- 20-2-701. Responsibility for reporting truants to juvenile or other courts

Part 2. Discipline

Subpart 1. Corporal Punishment

- 20-2-730. Policies and regulations on use of corporal punishment
- 20-2-731. When and how corporal punishment may be administered
- 20-2-732. When principal or teacher not liable for administering corporal punishment

Subpart 1A. Improved Student Learning Environment and Discipline

- 20-2-735. Adoption of policies by local boards to improve student learning environment
- 20-2-736. Student codes of conduct; distribution; disciplinary action for violations; parental involvement
- 20-2-737. Reports by teacher of violations of student code of conduct; notification to parents of support services or disciplinary action

- 20-2-738. Authority of teacher over classroom; procedures following removal of student from classroom; placement review committees
- 20-2-739. Conflict management and resolution; cultural diversity training programs
- 20-2-740. Annual report by local boards of education regarding disciplinary and placement actions; annual study by Department of Education
- 20-2-741. Positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention

Subpart 2. Public School Disciplinary Tribunals

- 20-2-750. Short title
- 20-2-751. Definitions
 - 20-2-751.1. Expulsion and disciplinary policy for students bringing weapons to school
 - 20-2-751.2. Students subject to disciplinary orders of other school systems
 - 20-2-751.4. Policies prohibiting bullying; assignment to alternative school; notice
 - 20-2-751.5. Student codes of conduct; safety rules on school buses; distribution
 - 20-2-751.6. Disciplinary policy for students committing acts of physical violence against teacher, school bus driver, or other school official or employee
 - 20-2-751.7. State mandated process for students to follow in reporting instances of alleged inappropriate behavior by teacher or other school personnel; notice of process; training; investigations
- 20-2-752. Establishment of disciplinary hearing officers, panels, or tribunals for imposition of suspension or expulsion; rules and regulations; appeals
- 20-2-753. Disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal to hold disciplinary hearing following allegation of assault and battery or recommended suspension or expulsion exceeding 10 days
- 20-2-754. Procedures to be followed by disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal; review
- 20-2-755. Authorization of disciplinary officer, panel, or tribunal to determine disciplinary action
- 20-2-756. Reports to law enforcement officials
- 20-2-757. Applicability of public inspection and open meeting laws
- 20-2-758. Legal actions not prohibited, restricted, or limited by disciplinary hearing; rights to appeal from decision of school board

Subpart 3. Chronic Disciplinary Problem Students

- 20-2-764. Definitions
- 20-2-765. Notification of parent or guardian of chronic disciplinary problem student; observance of child by parent or guardian; attendance of conference with principal or teacher or both
- 20-2-766. Students returning from expulsion or suspension; notice to parents; conference with principal or teacher to devise disciplinary and behavioral correction plan
 - 20-2-766.1. Proceeding against parents for failure to cooperate in educational programs; penalty

Subpart 4. Alternative Educational Systems

- 20-2-767. Definitions
- 20-2-768. Expulsion or suspension of students for felonies; alternative educational system; policy

Part 3. Health

- 20-2-779.1. Suicide prevention training requirements for certified school system personnel

Article 18A. Liability of Educators for Disciplining Students

- 20-2-1000. Limitation on civil damages for disciplining student; "educator" defined; frivolous or nonmeritorious actions; legal counsel for the educator

20-2-1001. Limited immunity from criminal liability

Article 27. Loitering At or Disrupting Schools

20-2-1181. Disrupting public school; penalty

20-2-1184. Reporting of students committing prohibited acts

20-2-1185. School safety plans

Chapter 14. Educational Accountability

Article 3. Opportunity School District

20-14-105. Intervention models; community feedback; financing issues; student support and opportunities; principals

Georgia Regulations

Department 160. Georgia Department of Education

160-1-3. Rules of General Applicability

160-1-3-.04. School law tribunals and appeals

160-4-2. Division of General Instruction

160-4-2-.12. Comprehensive health and physical education program plan

160-4-7. Special Education

160-4-7-.10. Discipline

160-4-8. Student Support

160-4-8-.01. Student support services

160-4-8-.12. Alternative/Non-traditional education programs

160-4-8-.15. Student discipline

160-4-8-.16. Unsafe School Choice Option (USCO)

160-4-8-.19. Suicide prevention training requirement for certificated school system personnel

160-5-1. Regional Education Services

160-5-1-.10. Student attendance

160-5-1-.35. Seclusion and restraint for all students