

West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Discipline Data Response 5/10/23

Next Steps

- Recognize the Effect of Suspension (in-school and out-of-school)
 - Decreased academic performance
 - Increased truancy
 - Continued behavior incidents
 - Impact on families
- Examine data and explore questions that arise
 - What group(s) are shown to have disproportionate rates of referral and/or exclusion and why?
 - What alternatives are being utilized around the state?
 - Are our data accurate and consistent throughout the state?
- Respond
 - Training and Support
 - Accountability
 - Policy
 - Responsibilities



Training and Support

- Expand West Virginia School Leadership Network
- Continue to Provide and Adapt Trainings
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions (PBIS)
 - Policy 4373: Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools
 - Social-emotional Supports for the Individual Student
 - Appropriate Data Practices
 - Root Cause Analysis
 - Strategic Planning
 - West Virginia Tiered System of Support
 - School Culture
 - Classroom Management Effective Practices



Accountability

- Create Public Discipline Dashboard
- Continue Internal Discipline Review
- Develop Discipline Data Flags



Policy

- 4373 Revisions
 - Highlight relationship between engaging instruction and student behavior
 - Expand PBIS
 - Reinforce supports and plans for individual students i.e. mentoring
 - Include relationship between engaging instruction and discipline
 - Examine accomplishments of Communities In Schools programs
 - End zero tolerance policies
 - Strengthen due process implementation
 - Revisit discipline levels, definitions, and identified behaviors
 - Expand data entry requirements
 - Encourage alternatives to exclusion



Responsibilities

• State

- Provide accountability measures
- Increase knowledge and training opportunities
- Continually monitor data sets
- Address needs in policy
- Review and disseminate research on best practices for student behavior and discipline
- Continually measure for success of implementation
- County
 - Disaggregate, analyze, and monitor county and school data
 - Strategically plan and act based on data
 - Provide and participate in professional learning opportunities
 - Continually measure for success of implementation
- School
 - Provide for needs of all students
 - Assess climate and culture of school
 - Assess discipline data and practices and alternatives to suspension
 - Ensure data are accurately entered
 - Continually measure for success of implementation

