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The Colorado School Safety Resource Center website has many helpful documents and links available as resources to schools regarding effective school discipline. http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC

Colorado House Bill 12-1345 / Senate Bill 12-046 – School Finance and School Discipline

- http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPS-SafeSchools/CBON/1251622409115
- The content of SB12-046 became an amendment to the School Finance Act (HB12-1345) on the last day of the 2012 Colorado legislative session. Governor Hickenlooper signed this bill into law on May 19, 2012.
- The general assembly declared that “zero-tolerance” policies have resulted in unnecessary expulsions, suspensions, and law enforcement referrals. This bill was an effort to allow school administrators and local boards to use their discretion to determine appropriate disciplinary response to each incident with policies that apply equally to all students.

Evidence-based Program Registries

- Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, Discipline
  - http://www.blueprintsprograms.com/programResults.php
- Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), Effective Social and Emotional Learning Programs Guide
  - http://casel.org/guide/
- Crime Solutions.gov Effective Programs Registry, Delinquency Prevention in Schools
- National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP)
  - Interventions for Discipline (refine by selecting school in settings)
  - Interventions for Children & Adolescents in School for Crime/Delinquency, Social Functioning, and Violence
    - http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/AdvancedSearch.aspx select appropriate search terms
- What Works Clearinghouse from U.S. Department of Education, Effective Interventions with a Positive Impact on Student Behavior (click on Find What Works for Student Behavior)

National Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

- http://www.pbis.org/
- The Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports has been established by the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education, to give schools capacity-building information and technical assistance for identifying, adapting, and sustaining effective school-wide disciplinary practices.
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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- [http://www.cde.state.co.us/pbis/](http://www.cde.state.co.us/pbis/)
- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) supports the use of PBIS for Colorado Schools. The mission of the Colorado Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Initiative is to establish and maintain effective school environments that maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence of all learners in Colorado.

Restorative Justice Colorado
- [www.rjcolorado.org](http://www.rjcolorado.org)
- In partnership with the Colorado Restorative Justice Council, and supported by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this site offers information not only on restorative justice in general, but also strategies, resources, and case studies specifically for schools.

Safe Schools-Healthy Students Initiative
- Grant support program from U.S. Department of Education.
- Through grants made to local education authorities, the SS/HS Initiative provides schools and communities across the United States with the benefit of enhanced school and community-based services in an effort to strengthen healthy child development, thus reducing violent behavior and substance use.

School Crime Operations Package (School COP)
- School COP is a free software application developed by Abt Associates for the National Institute of Justice. It helps schools analyze and map incidents that occur in and around schools. The software can be used to support problem-solving efforts designed to increase school safety. In addition to downloading the actual software, please see the accompanying final report, [http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/200189127272_67259MRCHIPS.pdf](http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/200189127272_67259MRCHIPS.pdf), and U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office Guide to Using School COP to Address Student Discipline Problems [http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Publications/e08011233.pdf](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Publications/e08011233.pdf).

Supportive School Discipline Communities of Practice
- The Supportive School Discipline Communities of Practice (SSDCOP) includes communities of education and justice system leaders dedicated to keeping kids in school and out of court. To ensure education and justice system leaders have the greatest impact, it is critical to share knowledge and to work together as a team, which can happen on this site.

Supportive School Discipline Webinar Series
Presented by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Healthy Students National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, these webinars are available at the Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center, [http://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov](http://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov). The Series is designed to increase awareness and understanding of school disciplinary practices that push youth out of school and many times into the justice
system, and provide practical examples of alternative approaches that maintain school safety while ensuring academic engagement and success for all students.

- **Addressing Truancy: Innovative Approaches to Systematically Increasing Attendance and Reducing Chronic Truancy**
- **Alternatives to Traditional School Discipline: The Multi-Tiered Behavioral Health Prevention Framework**
- **At the Intersection of School Safety and Supportive Discipline: Navigating the Roles and Responsibilities of School Resource Officers**
- **Making the Case for Positive Approaches to Discipline**
- **Stemming the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Applying Restorative Justice Principles to School Discipline Practices**
- **Transforming School Climate Through Trauma Informed Practices**
- **Using Youth Courts as a Supportive School Discipline Practice**

**Books**