



# the Policy Page

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## No Child Left Behind

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires school divisions to have numerous policies addressing matters specified in the statute. The following is a list of the policies required by NCLB and a brief description of the required policy.

### Discipline Policies

Each division receiving money under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act must have a discipline policy that contains specified elements.

**VSBA Policy JFC-R meets this requirement.** The VSBA Policy is available only to VSBA Policy Services subscribers.

### Health Services

Each division must develop and adopt, **in consultation with parents**, policies regarding the physical examinations or screenings administered to students. The NCLB definition of "physical examination" does NOT include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. Thus, divisions which do **only** hearing and vision screenings do not need a new policy. Any division that does any testing or screening other than hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings must develop such a policy and the policy must be developed in consultation with parents.

### Homeless Students

Each division must **adopt** policies and practices addressing the stigmatization and transportation of homeless students.

Each division must **review, and if necessary, revise** any policies, practices, and procedures that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless students.

**VSBA Policy JECA** will be revised to comply with NCLB.

### Internet Safety

Schools which do not get e-rate discounts must have a policy on Internet safety. This requirement essentially extends the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to schools which were not covered by CIPA because they did not get e-rate discounts.

**VSBA Policy IIBEA meets this requirement.** The VSBA Policy is available only to VSBA Policy Services subscribers.

## **Migrant Education**

New policies may be required, depending on the content of Virginia's application for grant funds. The VSBA will develop a policy relating to this issue, if necessary, after the Virginia Department of Education finalizes its grant application.

## **Parent Involvement Policy**

**VSBA Policy IGBC** has been revised to meet NCLB's requirements in this area. The revised policy will be distributed to VSBA Policy Services subscribers soon.

## **Referral Policy**

Each division seeking funds under the Gun-Free Schools Act must have a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school.

**VSBA Policy JFCD meets this requirement.**

## **School Facilities**

### **Use of School Facilities by Patriotic Societies.**

Schools and divisions that have a designated open forum or a limited public forum may not discriminate in any way against any youth group listed in title 36 USC as a patriotic society that wishes to conduct a meeting within that designated open forum or limited open forum.

**No policy on this point is explicitly required, but VSBA Policy KG covers it.**

## **Smoke Free Schools**

NCLB requires that there be no smoking in indoor school facilities.

**Virginia law already had such a requirement, and VSBA Policies JFCH and GBEC reflect it, so no new policy is needed.**

## **Student Privacy/Surveys**

A new VSBA Policy will be developed.

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## **Charter Schools**

This is a reminder that effective July 1, 2002, every Virginia school division is required to receive and consider charter school applications. The VSBA Policy Manual includes a policy addressing charter schools (LC) and a sample charter school application (LC-E). Policy Services members can obtain copies of those policies from the Policy Services CD distributed last May, from the VSBA website ([vsba.org](http://vsba.org)) or by calling Lisa Thacker at (434) 295-8722.

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