

Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing
Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center

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Security and Emergency Management

Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) is committed to providing a *safe environment* for students, staff, and visitors. We work closely with national, state, and local safety officials – *emergency management, police, fire, emergency medical services, and public health* – to ensure our schools are well prepared for an emergency. Together, we have developed a comprehensive *Emergency Response Plan* covering a wide variety of emergencies that serves as a guide to help staff and our public safety partners respond swiftly should a crisis occur in our schools.

The information included on this page provides an overview of the many safety measures Virginia Beach City Public Schools has implemented. Please report any safety concerns you may have to your school principal.

What security measures are provided in our schools both during the day and after hours?

We strive to be proactive rather than reactive where safety and security are concerned. The following measures are in place in the interest of the safety and well-being of every VBCPS student.

- Each school has a *Crisis Response Team* with selected members that have participated in specific training to ensure appropriate response on a variety of potential school emergencies.
- All exterior school doors are either locked and/or under surveillance.
- Interior and exterior Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) is installed in all schools.
- As a condition of entry, visitors must sign-in, be vetted and wear a visitors I.D. badge.
- Mass notification devices have been placed in schools designed to alert occupants of an emergency at the push of a button.
- Each school is assigned at least one (1) Security Assistant who is responsible for vetting visitors and ensuring safety and security protocols throughout each school day.
- All principals and key administrators have cell phones with text messaging capability and an emergency radio at their disposal.
- Each school has a minimum supply of 25 two-way radios to assist in emergency communications.
- Intrusion alarms are installed in every school.
- After-hours security staff monitor all schools.
- The school division's parent notification system [AlertNow](#) will be used to call and email parents during an emergency in order to provide the most current information about the situation.
- Each school has an *Emergency Response Plan* that serves as a guide for a variety of school emergencies.
- Students are constantly reminded to share any information with their School Resource Officers (SRO) or school staff that could be potentially harmful to a school.
- [Code of Student Conduct](#) and supporting [School Board policies and regulations](#).

Emergency Preparedness

Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC) administrators are responsible for conducting annual emergency response exercises. Pre-announced school-wide emergency response exercises are conducted as well as campus specific tabletop exercises and emergency drills. The VBCPS Office of Safe Schools is continually reviewing and updating security measures to include new technologies and procedures to provide the safest environment possible for our students and staff. We consult with national, state, and local safety officials to gain knowledge of best practices about school safety and learn lessons from other school divisions.

Safe school audits are conducted on a routine basis in every school. The audit process provides a comprehensive overview of Virginia Beach City Public Schools' overall security and emergency preparedness. The information gathered from the audit is used to improve security and emergency preparedness throughout the school division.

Procedures for responding to emergency situations are posted in every classroom. The following link provides an overview of the safety measures Virginia Beach City Public Schools has implemented: https://www.vbschools.com/about_us/departments/safe_schools

Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC)/Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN) administrators prepare this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of the Campus Security and Safety report can be located on VBSPN's website at:

https://techcenter.vbschools.com/our_school/programs/licensed_practical_nursing This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding the VBTCEC/VBSPN campus.

Campus crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to the VBTCEC/VBSPN staff, designated campus officials (including but not limited to administrators, instructors, and other department heads), and local law enforcement agencies. Each year, all enrolled students and employees provided information necessary to access this report. Copies of the report may be obtained upon request by contacting the VBSPN office at 757-648-5889 located at 2925 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. All prospective employees and students may obtain a copy of the report from via the aforementioned contact information.

Reporting of Criminal Offenses and Emergencies

To report a crime, contact the Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC) main office at 757-648-5850 ext. 0, and ask to speak to an administrator (or dial 911 in the event of an imminent safety concern/emergency). Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside building or around the facility should be reported to the VBTCEC administration by calling 757-648-5850 ext. 0. In addition, you may report a crime to the following:

- VBTCEC Director- 757-648-5899
- VBTCEC Assistant Principal- 757-648-5897
- Safe Schools- 757-263-2450
- Police Non-Emergency- 757-385-5000

Notification will be provided if a crime of murder, sex offense, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, or motor vehicle theft occurs and there is a potential for continuation of the crime. All criminal acts should be reported to the VBTCE administration, and the victim will be provided the opportunity to also report the incident to the local police. The immediate reporting of any crime is critical.

Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are the victim of a crime, and do not want to pursue action within the criminal justice system or disciplinary action within the Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC)/ Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN), you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, an administrator of either the VBTCEC or VBSPN can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics. Confidential reports of crime may also be made by calling Virginia Beach Crime Solvers at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP (1-888-562-5887).

School Security

Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC)/ Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN) school security is provided during the school day by school administrators and two security assistants. The aforementioned center officials do not have arrest power; therefore, in the event an incident requiring law enforcement assistance occurs, School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to neighboring schools will report to provide support. In the event a SRO is unavailable, local police will be called to assist. After hours, the Office of Safe Schools utilizes security officers to provide routine security checks at each site. All applicable incidents are investigated according to local, state, and federal statutes.

Law Enforcement

School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to neighboring schools will report as needed to the Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC)/ Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN), to provide support. In the event an SRO is unavailable, local police will be called to assist. The Virginia Beach Police Department is the primary law enforcement responder for reported crimes and criminal emergencies.

Building Security and Access

The following safety measures are in place:

- **All entrances to the school will remain locked during the school day.**
- Each visitor who enters the building during school hours will stand in front of a camera adjacent to the front entrance and push the “call” button on the buzz-in box. There is a sign posted on the entry door asking them to use this buzz-in & intercom entry. Our Security or Office Staff inside the building can then “see” who is requesting entry to the building and will answer the “call” by talking directly to the visitor via the speaker in the call box. We will ask the purpose of the visit and then unlock the door for entrance if warranted.
- Upon entering the Tech Center, all visitors (including parents, vendors, contractors and former students or alumni) will be required to check in at the Security Desk and must

wear a RAPTOR visitor badge while they are on campus. The visitor will also need to sign out by returning the RAPTOR ID badges as they leave. All visiting VBCPS Staff and employees will be displaying their division issued ID badges. All Tech Center teachers and staff will wear their employee ID badges.

- Interior and exterior Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) is installed and monitored, and video retained for 30 days.
- All principals and key administrators have cell phones with text messaging and video camera access capability.
- Two-way radios are used to assist in emergency communications.
- Intrusion alarms are installed.
- After-hours security staff monitor all schools.
- An inventory of all keys issued to staff is maintained.
- After hours entry is only granted by a school administrator and an access code must be issued.

Crime Prevention/Security Awareness

Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC)/ Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN) school administrators and the security assistant document security incidents during the school day. After hours, the Office of Safe Schools utilizes security officers to provide routine security checks at each site who will document and report any incidents and will provide school officials with an incident report. Upon receipt of the incident report school administrators will address the concern. Crime prevention information is available through Virginia Beach Crime Solvers available at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP (1-888-562-5887). Students, faculty, and staff review the areas of personal safety on an on-going basis.

What is the role of a School Resource Officer (SRO)?

School Resource Officers (SRO) are uniformed Virginia Beach police officers assigned to schools to help create a safe and positive learning environment by building and maintaining successful working relationships between police, school administrators, students, parents, and staff. All middle and high schools have a SRO on-site; however, they are also available to respond to the feeder elementary schools when needed.

What is the procedure if a student or community member reports a suspected threat or reports seeing a weapon on school property?

All threats are taken seriously by staff members and school administration. If you see or hear of a direct threat against any person or place, immediately call 911. For all other suspected threats, police are notified, and officers and school personnel work together to thoroughly investigate any threat, whether it is made verbally, in writing, via email, text message, online or social media. Most importantly, if a student, parent, or community member has knowledge of a threat, we encourage them to immediately report it to police or school officials instead of spreading rumors. Anonymous tips can be made directly to the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers using the Report It function via the VBSchools mobile app, The sooner we know about a potential threat – the sooner the investigation can begin.

Is school safety training ongoing for staff?

Yes, new security assistants are required to receive state mandated certification training and Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) de-escalation training. Security assistants must complete CPI System recertification training, and Basic First Aid, CPR and AED training every 2 years. Additionally, emergency preparedness training, drills, and tabletop exercises are conducted throughout the school year.

Each summer the Office of Security & Emergency Management coordinates and conducts training for administrators choosing topics based on challenges faced during the previous school year.

What kind of safe schools/emergency training have you provided school staff?

The Office of Security & Emergency Management offers training on an annual basis for principals, assistant principals, school security assistants, guidance counselors, social workers, and psychological staff. Emergency preparedness, crisis intervention and managing violence are the focus of this training. We also provide staff training on the associated software applications necessary to operate the many security resources and systems that we employ.

Do teachers know what signs to watch for with regards to suicide or potential violence?

Each school has a *Crisis Intervention Team Manual*, which provides several lists of warning signs for suicide or potential violence that students might display. Staff is encouraged to talk to these students, notify their parents about their concerns and refer them to the school counselor, to psychological services, or to outside mental health providers if necessary. Schools are encouraged to review these procedures and warning signs on a regular basis. Staff training is available on request to the Offices of Security & Emergency Management and Psychological Services. VBCPS also utilizes a school network monitoring application known as "Securly" that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This application is isolated to the VBCPS network only. Securly identifies concerning communication that might indicate one of our students is in the midst of a crisis and allows our staff to react and make appropriate notifications quickly.

What disciplinary action does the school take if a student makes a threat – credible or otherwise?

Anyone who makes a threat against a school could face criminal charges. A threat could be made verbally, in writing, via email, text message, online or by way of social media. As appropriate to the situation he/she will be recommended for expulsion or other disciplinary action such as alternative placement as outlined in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

How does the school division communicate with parents should there be a credible threat against a student or school?

Should there be a threat to cause harm against a student or school, the first call to action will be to investigate this threat in partnership with the local police. Depending on the specifics of the threat, an individual parent could be contacted. The school division also has access to a rapid notification system *AlertNow*. This communication system allows the principal or school administration to quickly send information out via phone and/or email. Letters are

often sent home to parents and announcements can be posted on individual school websites or the division website www.vbschools.com

With a large number of students using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, or any other online source, does anyone from the school division monitor these outlets for threats that could potentially cause harm to a school, students, or staff?

The school division is not in the position to monitor social media accounts for the more than 67,000 students in our schools. When we are made aware of a potential threat, where a private networking account is associated, school administration works in tandem with police to review the source and nature of the threat when appropriate. VBCPS does however utilize a “Securly” web filtering application that monitors online activity conducted within the school division’s network. Securly is an application that notifies the Office of Security & Emergency Management expediently should a user be communicating flagged content such as threats or self-harm.

Often cases of student violence can be linked to reports of bullying against a fellow student. How is the school division approaching anti-bullying in its schools?

Bullying is classified as prohibited conduct in any school or school activity and is not tolerated in any school, or school-sponsored activity, program or event. Students identified as being the source of bullying and or making threats against a student could be recommended for expulsion in accordance with School Board Regulation 5-36.3 and the VBCPS *Code of Student Conduct*. To discourage this type of behavior, the school division has implemented the following:

- All schools in the division are required to have a character education program. In support of this, the subject of bullying is discussed with all students at the beginning of each school year, during a review of the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- Many schools have implemented a positive behavioral support system as a school-wide initiative that emphasizes respect for others.
- Teachers are trained to reinforce character and leadership skills to decrease discipline referrals associated with bullying.
- Bullying prevention programs are coordinated through the Office of Student Support Services. More information can be attained by calling the Office of School Counselling at **757.263.2070** or contacting your school’s counsellor.
- You can also find information at the “Bullying” information page within the School Counselling web site.

What is the referral/examination process if a staff member has concerns about the emotional state or behavior of a student?

Our school division policies provide a comprehensive outline on how staff members should respond to a student who is suspected to be amid a psychological crisis. In essence, the process is to have the staff member make a verbal or written referral to a school administrator. The school administrator will then investigate the referral to determine the appropriate course of action. If deemed necessary, a threat assessment is conducted by a school psychologist.

What services does the school division offer for students who may have/or be suspected of having emotional problems or who may pose a danger/threat to others?

The school division does offer direct mental health services for students who may have emotional problems or who may pose a danger/threat to others when these issues affect the students' educational performance or relationships with others in school through our psychological services staff. The staff consists of licensed clinical and school psychologists who provide individual and group counseling to students and consultation to school staff and parents. They work with parents to discuss strategies that can be implemented during school hours or options to seek outside assistance when those issues have no educational impact or are beyond the limitations of school personnel.

As a parent or student how can we help keep our schools safe?

School safety is everyone's responsibility – staff, students, parents, and the entire community. Please report any safety concerns you may have to your school principal. Students and parents can be crime stoppers. If you have information about criminal activity in school, on school grounds, or in our community call: **1.888.562.5887**.

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School Emergencies

How will I be notified if there is an emergency at my child's school?

Should there be an emergency situation at your child's school, parents will be notified by phone and email via [AlertNow](#). As new information on the emergency situation becomes available, updates will be provided. All parents are encouraged to check with the office staff at your child's school to make sure your home, cell and work phone numbers and email addresses are correct.



Parents also may call the VBCPS Emergency Hotline at **757.263.1000**. This phone number is manned by staff Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or may visit the homepage of ybschools.com.

As a parent, how often will I be updated on the school emergency?

To ensure that every parent has the most accurate account of the emergency situation, parents will be updated by school division staff via [AlertNow](#). These updates will be communicated to parents when new information becomes available and when the emergency has ended.

Should I report to the scene of the incident/emergency?

Should there be an emergency situation in a school or at a school-sponsored activity, access to the scene will be limited and controlled by fire or police officials.

When parents are notified of the emergency situation, information will be provided to parents, by school staff, giving direction on how they should respond. Parents are encouraged to remain close to their source of communication, whether it is phone or email, to ensure they are receiving accurate and timely updates on the emergency from school division staff.

Once the emergency is declared “over,” will parents be able to report to their child's school?

When school staff communicate to parents that the school emergency has ended, direction will be provided on how parents will reunite with their child. Parents will be directed to a specific location that could be located off campus. It is important that parents follow these directions for the safety of all students, staff and parents.

Remember, a student can only be released to an adult that is documented as an emergency contact. If you are a non-custodial parent, you must be listed with your child's emergency contact information as a guardian and show proper identification.

If the school building is evacuated, how will I be able to locate my child?

Each school has a procedure for helping parents locate their child. Parents will be directed to a specific location where they will be required to show proper identification. **Remember, a student can only be released to an adult who is documented as an emergency contact.** If you are a non-custodial parent, you must be listed with your child's emergency contact information as a guardian and show proper identification.

Bullying

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is committed to providing an educational environment free from harassment, intimidation or bullying (Bullying Resources: https://www.vbschools.com/students/guidance/bullying/bullying_resources)

What is bullying?

Bullying is any negative behavior intended to frighten or cause harm, which may include, but are not limited to verbal or written threats, or physical harm.



What is the difference between teasing vs. bullying?

Teasing allows the teaser and person to swap roles. It is not intended to hurt another person and is done in a light-hearted manner. Bullying is one-sided and is intended to harm another person. It involves cruel and demeaning or bigoted comments thinly disguised as a joke.

What is Virginia Beach City Public Schools' stand on bullying?

Bullying is classified as prohibited conduct and will not be tolerated in any school or school-sponsored activity, program, or event. [School Board Regulation 5-36.3](#). Students who threaten to cause harm or harass others will be referred to the principal or assistant principal for appropriate disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or recommendation for long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the [Code of Student Conduct](#).

What can students do about bullying?

Should a student be aware of any act of bullying committed by another student that takes place in school, on school property, at a bus stop, on a school bus, or at any school activity, he or she should immediately report this incident to a staff member. Should there be a threat to cause harm against any student, the first call to action will be to investigate this threat in partnership with the local police.

What are we doing to prevent bullying?

- A bullying prevention program is coordinated through the [Office of Guidance Services and Student Records](#).
- All schools in the division are required to have a character education program. In support of this, the subject of bullying is discussed with all students at the beginning of each school year, during a review of the [Code of Student Conduct](#).
- As a point of interest, a division-wide character education program was originally implemented in 1997. Many of the schools still use this program and/or expanded on it philosophy of character education which discourages bullying.

- Many schools have implemented a positive behavioral support system as a school-wide initiative that emphasizes respect for others.
- Teachers are trained to reinforce character and leadership skills to decrease discipline referrals associated with bullying.
- Some schools have additional research-based strategies and programs in place to diminish bullying behaviors such as the *Olweus Bullying Prevention Program* which is designed to improve peer relations and make schools safer, more positive places for students to learn and develop.
- Another program, *The Leader In Me*, is designed to be integrated into a school's core curriculum and everyday language so that it isn't "one more thing" teachers and administrators have to do. It becomes part of the culture, gaining momentum and producing improved results year after year.
- In all middle and high schools, staff members are positioned outside classroom doors while student change between classes.
- School psychologists, social workers, and school counselors routinely consult with teachers, parents and school administrators around issues of bullying and work with students identified as requiring behavioral intervention or counseling support.
- School psychologists conduct threat assessments to determine the type of social/emotional support that needs to be provided to the student who bullies another student in addition to a discipline consequence since the goal is to change the behavior of the bully.
- School social workers provide resources to support the parents of the victim and bully.

Off-Campus Student Activities ([Behavior Supports and Code of Student Conduct – SharpSchool](#))

Students are subject to conditions of the Code of Student Conduct while attending and participating in after-school student activities and athletic events as provided in School Board of the City of Virginia Beach Policy 5-1. Regulations outlined in the Code of Student Conduct apply at all after-school activities (such as athletic events, club meetings, dances, etc.) and the like. Students may also be disciplined for acts committed away from school property and outside school hours if the conduct is detrimental to the interest of the school or adversely affects the educational environment:

Possession, Use, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages/ Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia/Imitations https://www.vbschools.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_78010/File/Docs/CodeStudentConduct.pdf

- **Possession / Use of Alcohol, Drugs, or Drug Paraphernalia**
Students shall not use, have in their possession, or be under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia (defined in § 18.2-265.1 of the Code of Virginia), controlled substances (defined in § 54-1-3400 *et seq.*, of the Code of Virginia), or imitation controlled substances (defined in § 18.2-247(B) of the Code of Virginia), on School Board property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, or while going to or coming from school. In accordance with School Board Policy 5-21 and School Board Regulation 5-21.1, students violating this subsection will be recommended for expulsion and will be suspended pending action on the recommendation. A student (who has not earned a high school diploma) accused of a first offense under this subsection may, in the principal's discretion, be offered the opportunity to participate in the Substance Abuse Intervention Program.
- **Sale of Alcohol, Drugs, or Drug Paraphernalia**
Students shall not sell, bring, give, distribute, or pass to another individual or possess with intent to sell, give or distribute alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia (defined in § 18.2-265.1 of the Code of Virginia), controlled substances (defined in § 54.1-3400 *et seq.*, of the Code of Virginia), or imitation controlled substances (defined in § 18.2-247(B) and (C) of the Code of Virginia), on School Board property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, or while going to or coming from school. Students violating this subsection will be recommended for expulsion and will be suspended pending action on the recommendation, in accordance with School Board Policy 5-21 and School Board Regulation 5-21.1.
- **Possession of Medication and Prescription or Non-Prescription Drugs**
So that school authorities will know what medicine a student is taking in case of an emergency, and in order to prevent trafficking in drugs, students shall not possess any non-prescription medication or prescription drugs, even if recommended or prescribed for the student's use. All such items shall be taken to the clinic by the parent(s), legal guardian(s), eligible student or other responsible adult, or to an office designated by the principal, at the start of the school day for safekeeping. Extenuating circumstances may require special consideration which will be determined by the principal/executive director on an individual basis. Non-prescription medication will mean any drug or other

substances used in treating diseases, healing, or relieving pain, including, but not limited to, all over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin, cough syrups, gargles, caffeine pills, homeopathic treatments and the like. Students who violate this subsection will be disciplined, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate situations. When a principal/executive director recommends a suspension or expulsion, the student will be suspended pending action on the recommendation. Students authorized to have prescribed medications and who follow procedures for having and using such medications while on School Board property or attending school-sponsored events will not be in violation of this Regulation.

Note: The first drug or alcohol related infraction for an adult student who has already earned a high school diploma or is past the age to attend school but is enrolled in the VBCPSN will result in the notification of the police and dismissal from the program.

- **Substance Abuse Education and Resources**

The Substance Abuse Intervention Program (SAIP) is designed for students in middle and high school. SAIP is a ten-day substance abuse education and prevention program offered by the school division tuition-free. All absences associated with completion of SAIP are excused and should not be counted when determining excessive absences of a student. Transportation to and from the program is provided by the school division. SAIP may be assigned to a student as a disciplinary consequence for an offense related to the possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance. If a student is assigned to the program as a result of a disciplinary infraction, then the student is considered to be under out-of-school suspension (OSS). The student will be restricted/excluded as a participant in or spectator of any extracurricular activity until reinstated in his/her school.

Who Should I Contact?

Complaints or concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual harassment should be addressed to the Title IX Coordinator, at the VBCPS Office of Student Leadership, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, 23452, (757) 263-2020, Mary.Gonzalez@vbschools.com (student complaints) or the VBCPS Department of School Leadership, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456, (757) 263-1088, Robert.Wnukowski@vbschools.com (employee complaints). Additional information regarding Virginia Beach City Public Schools' policies regarding discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual harassment, as well as the procedures for filing a formal complaint and related grievance processes, can be found in School Board Policy 5-44 and School Board Regulations 5-44.1 (students), School Board Policy 4-4 and School Board Regulation 4-4.3 (employees) and on the School Division's website at Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Title IX.

Sexual Assault

https://www.vbschools.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_78010/File/Docs/CodeStudentConduct.pdf

The School Board does not tolerate any form of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or inappropriate sexual conduct. Sexual Offenses: A student will not engage in sexual or immoral behavior such as offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure, amorous behavior, obscene phone calls, inappropriate sexual behavior, or acts of sexual assault or battery. If a student believes he/she is a victim of sexual harassment, he/she may file a complaint with the school principal and/or the Title IX Coordinator in accordance with School Board Regulation 5-44.1. The contact information for the Title IX Coordinator is listed in the Non-Discrimination Policy at the end of the Code of Student Conduct. [S. B. Reg. 5-44.1/Rule 26]. It is important to preserve evidence in applicable incidents and victims are asked to seek assistance as soon as possible from a safe location, do not change clothes or bathe after an incident, and seek medical attention.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking

The Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTEC)/ Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing (VBSPN) prohibits threats and acts of violence on school property and at school sponsored events. School administrators will investigate and respond to any reported incidents.

“**Consent**” is defined by the Code of Federal Regulations, 32 CFR § 103.3 as: Words or overt acts indicating a freely given agreement to the sexual conduct at issue by a competent person. An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the accused’s use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent. A current or previous dating relationship or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the sexual conduct at issue shall not constitute consent. There is no consent where the person is sleeping or incapacitated, such as due to age, alcohol or drugs, or mental incapacity

(<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2016-title32-voll1/pdf/CFR-2016-title32-voll1-sec103-3.pdf>)

The United State Code 42 U.S.C. 13925 defines the term “domestic violence” to include felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from the person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction. Virginia Code Section 18.2-57.2, as amended, addresses assault and battery against a family or household member which is a Class 1 misdemeanor (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap136-subchapIII-sec13925.pdf>).

“Dating violence” is defined in the United States Code 42 U.S.C. 13925 as violence committed by a person: a) who is or has been in a social relationship or a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and b) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: i) the length of the relationship; ii) the type of relationship; iii) the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Virginia Code Section 18.2-57, as amended, addresses assault and battery committed by any person against another person <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap136-subchapIII-sec13925.pdf>).

“Stalking” is defined by United State Code 42 U.S.C. 13925 as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: a) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or b) suffer substantial emotional distress. “Stalking” is addressed in Virginia Code Section 18.2-60.3, as amended, and entails someone who on more than one occasion engages in conduct directed at another person with the intent to place, or when he knows or reasonably should know that the conduct places that other person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to that other person or to that other person’s family or household member. Violation of this crime is a Class 1 misdemeanor (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap136-subchapIII-sec13925.pdf>).

Court Issued Protective Orders

Faculty, staff, and students who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking should provide the Virginia Beach Technical & Career Education Center (VBTCEC) administration, copies of current protective orders so appropriate measures can be taken to ensure the safety of the victim.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Prevention and Response

The Virginia Beach Technical & Career Center (VBTCEC) promotes awareness and support programs regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking through the Office of Student Leadership and the Office of Psychological Services and through policies detailed in the handbooks for students and employees. Allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that are reported to a VBTCEC official for investigation, a possible disciplinary hearing, which may result in: a) suspension or expulsion from VBTCEC and/or VBCPS if it involves a student; and b) disciplinary action up to the termination of employment if it involves an employee. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any related disciplinary proceeding. Information about resources available in the community for any student who is a victim of sexual assault is provided by the Office of Student Leadership and Psychological Services. In addition, any student involved in an alleged domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking incident will be given assistance by the VBTCEC Director or designee and will be encouraged to report the incident to local law enforcement authorities.

Sex Offender Registry Notification

Pursuant to School Board Policy 5-68, the School Board recognizes the danger sex offenders pose to student safety. Therefore, to protect students while they travel to and from school, attend school or attend or participate in school-related activities, the Superintendent shall request notification of registered sex offenders in the same or contiguous zip codes as any school within the School Division via electronic mail. Such request shall be made in accordance with the procedure established by the Virginia Department of State Police. The information shall be used to screen current or prospective employees or otherwise for the protection of the School Division students. The Superintendent shall receive the registered

sex offender information from the State Police. The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations designed to ensure that this information is provided to the appropriate employees and is used only in accordance with the law.

(https://www.vbschools.com/about_us/our_leadership/school_board/policies_and_regulations/section_5/5-68).

Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where to obtain law enforcement agency information provided by the State concerning registered sex offenders. Information concerning registered sex offenders may be disclosed to any person requesting information on a specific individual in accordance with the law. The Virginia State Police Web site has further information, and searches for information on offenders by location or name can be done electronically at: <https://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>

Suicide Prevention and Support

Protecting the health and well-being of all students is of utmost importance to VBCPS.

All school personnel and students will be expected to help create a school culture of respect and support, in which students feel comfortable seeking help for themselves or friends. Students are encouraged to tell any staff member if they or a friend are feeling suicidal or are in need of help. While confidentiality and privacy are important, students should know that when there is risk of suicide, safety comes first.

Students learn about recognizing and responding to warning signs and risk factors for suicide, using coping skills, support systems, and seeking help for themselves and friends. Suicide and mental health topics are taught in secondary Health/PE classes and the concepts are reinforced throughout the year. At the elementary level, personal safety and encouragement of help-seeking behaviors are also taught.

In accordance with Virginia Code §22.1-272.1, all licensed educational professionals who believe a student may be at-risk for attempting suicide hold the responsibility of reporting these students to a qualified school professional (QSP), while ensuring the safety of the student. QSPs are responsible for assessing a student's level of risk. When the suicide risk is deemed to be significant, the QSP with support of administration will communicate directly with the parent/legal guardian and will refer the student and parent/legal guardian to local mental health services for further assessment.

Resources available for students and parents/legal guardians include:

- Kempsville Center for Behavioral Health (757) 461-4565, www.kempsvillecenter.com
Free Risk Assessments provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week No mental Health or medical referral needed
- Virginia Beach Community Services Board Emergency Services - Mental Health Unit (757) 385-0888 • Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) Mental Health Service Line (757) 668-9247(HOPE)
- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - Dial 988 www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- Trevor Lifeline 1-866-488-7386 Text/Chat Services, available 24/7 Text "TREVOR" to 678-678
- If there is an IMMEDIATE emergency, please call 911. Any cost for participation in programs not offered by the school division is borne by the parent/legal guardian of the student.

(Credit: Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Behavior Supports and Code of Conduct, 2022-23).

Virginia Beach Community Resources

The following listing of community resources and agencies is provided to direct families to supports that could be needed in a variety of circumstances. See Resources - Office of Family & Community Engagement, Virginia Beach City Public Schools for a comprehensive listing of community resources. <https://sites.google.com/vbschools.com/face-resources/home>

This list is not all-inclusive and the existence of an organization on this list does not constitute a legal partnership with or promotion of that organization by the school division. Any cost for participation in programs not offered by the school division is borne by the parent/legal guardian of the student

CRISIS LINES	
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline https://988lifeline.org/?scrlybrkr=2618cc09	Dial: 988
Samaritan House (domestic violence) https://samaritanhouseva.org/	(757) 430-2120
Veteran's Crisis Line https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/	(800) 273-8255
National Runaway Switchboard https://www.1800runaway.org/?scrlybrkr=3b6cb733	(800) 786-2929
TREVOR Lifeline (suicide prevention) Text/Chat Services (available 24/7) https://www.thetrevorproject.org/	(866) 488-7386

FOOD/FREE MEALS	
Potters House Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a m to 10:30 a m https://vbumc.org/potters-house/	1709 Pacific Ave
Star of the Sea Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 to 11:30 a m https://www.staroftheseeparish.com/social-ministry/	1404 Pacific Ave
Judeo Christian Outreach Center Monday–Friday at 5:00 p m Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays at 2:00 p m https://jcoc.org/	1053 Virginia Beach Blvd

HEALTH

Virginia Beach Department of Health https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/virginia-beach/	(757) 518-2700
Beach Health Clinic http://beachhealthclinic.org/	(757) 428-5601
Virginia Beach Family Medical Center https://vacommunityhealth.org/site/southeastern/virginia-beach/	(757) 425-3610

MENTAL HEALTH

Dept of Human Services–Child & Youth Behavioral Health (CYBH) on-site crisis counseling for students https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-services/behavioral-health/Pages/Families-And-Children.aspx	(757) 385-0850
Emergency Mental Health Services via DHS mental health emergencies https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-services/behavioral-health/Pages/mental-health-substance-abuse.aspx	(757) 385-0888
Kempsville Center for Behavioral Health (for under 18) https://kempsvillecbh.com/	(757) 461-4565
The Barry Robinson Center (for under 18) https://www.barryrobinson.org/	(757) 455-6100
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline https://988lifeline.org/current-events/the-lifeline-and-988/	Dial 988

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Virginia Beach Dept of Human Services Recovery Center (for detox) https://sobernation.com/listing/virginia-beach-dept-of-%20%20%20human-services-recovery-center-virginia-beach-va/?scrly%20%20%20brkr=393c0890&scrlybrkr=3b6cb733	(757) 385-6956
The Barry Robinson Center (for under 18) https://www.barryrobinson.org/	(757) 455-6100