

DCV Incidents Identifying Persistently Dangerous Schools

Each state receiving funds under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* is required to establish and implement a statewide policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous school be allowed to attend a safe school. The Virginia Board of Education's "Unsafe School Choice Option" policy was adopted in May 2002. The Board subsequently approved a Persistently Dangerous Schools Identification Process and Criteria (See Superintendent's Memo No. 86, May 9, 2003) that establishes thresholds of incidents using data over a three-year period by school divisions in their annual report on discipline, crime, and violence. The chart below lists the three categories of harm and the threshold points or automatic caution assigned to a school if one of the discipline, crime, and violence incidents described in the table occurs in the school.

Degree of Harm	Description	Code	Points Per Incident
Category I	Automatic Caution		One Incident Exceeds The Threshold
	Homicide-Staff-Firearm	HO1	
	Homicide-Student-Firearm	HO2	
	Homicide-Staff-Other Weapon	HO3	
	Homicide-Student-Other Weapon	HO4	
	Forcible Sexual Assault Against Student	SX4	
	Forcible Sexual Assault Against Staff	SX3	
	Use of a Bomb	WP7	
Category II			Two Points
	Assault Against Staff with Firearm or Weapon	BA1	
	Assault Against Student with Firearm or Weapon	BA3	
	Actual or Attempted Robbery	RO1	
	Kidnapping/Abduction	KI1	
	Malicious Wounding without a Weapon	BA5	
	Aggravated Sexual Battery on a Student	SX8	
Category III			One Point
	Illegal Possession of Handgun	WP1	
	Illegal Possession of Rifle or Shotgun	WP2	
	Illegal Possession of Any Other Projectile/Weapon	WP4	
	Illegal Possession of Bomb	WP6	
	Illegal Possession of Other Firearms	WP8	
	Illegal Possession of Controlled Drugs and Substances with Intent to Distribute or Sell	DR4	