# Attachment A

Superintendent’s Memo #058-22

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# 2022 Local Mandate Assessment – Selected Local Mandates

1. **Parents' Right to Review Anti-Bullying or Suicide Prevention AV** **Materials** (SOE.DOE161)

Parents must receive written notification of their right to review any audio-visual materials that contain graphic sexual or violent content used in any anti-bullying or suicide prevention program and can excuse the child from participating in the relevant part of the program.

Mandate Type: Compulsory Order

Authority: Code of Virginia § [22.1-207.2:1](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter13/section22.1-207.2%3A1/)

1. **Electronic Room Partitions** (SOE.DOE162)

No school employees shall open or close an electronic room partition in any school building except under certain limited circumstances. Any annual safety review or exercise for school employees in a local school division must include information and demonstrations, as appropriate, regarding the operation of such partitions.

Mandate Type: Compulsory Order

Authority: Code of Virginia § [22.1-138](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-138/)

1. **Modernization of Public School Buildings** (SOE.DOE163)

New public school buildings and facilities as well as improvements and renovations to existing public school buildings and facilities should be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to generate more electricity than consumed and that such energy-positive building designs are based on certain, relevant industry standards. Local school boards may enter into lease agreements, with certain conditions, with private entities in order to meet prescribed energy standards. A school board owning real property that has been modernized according to State guidelines and generates solar energy may enter into a contract to generate such energy on terms and conditions negotiated between the customer and the utility.

Type: Regulation of Optional Activity

Authority: Code of Virginia §§ [2.2-2279](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title2.2/chapter22/section2.2-2279/), [15.2-4901](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter49/section15.2-4901/), [22.1-141.1](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-141.1/), [22.1-141.2](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter9/section22.1-141.2/), and [56-589.1](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title56/chapter23/section56-589.1/)

1. **Safety Training for School Administrator** (SOE.DOE164)

Each school board shall ensure that every public school it supervises employs at least one school administrator who has completed, either in-person or online, school safety training for public school personnel conducted by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. However, such requirement shall not apply if such required training is not available online.

Type: Compulsory Order

Authority: Code of Virginia §§ [9.1-184](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title9.1/chapter1/section9.1-184/) and [22.1-279.8](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-279.8/)

1. **Minimum Standards for New Construction and Renovation of School Facilities** (SOE.DOE032)

All school construction or renovation plans must be approved in writing by the division superintendent with an architect or engineer’s statement to insure compliance with minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Education and the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Plans must also have been reviewed by an individual or entity with professional expertise in building security and crime prevention through building design. The division superintendent’s approval, architect’s or engineer’s statements, all reviewers’ comments, and final plans must be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. School divisions shall develop a procurement plan to ensure that all security enhancements to public school buildings are in compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code and Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

Type: Compulsory Order

Authority: Code of Virginia §§ [22.1-138](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-138/), [22.1-140](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-140/), [27-94](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/27-94/) et seq., and [36-97](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/36-97/) et seq.; Ch. 6; State Board of Education Regulation [8 VAC 20-131-260](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter131/section260/)

Last Assessment Period: 04/01/2005 to 05/31/2005

Last Assessment Finding: Retain

1. **School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan** (SOE.DOE090)

School divisions are required to conduct safety audits in all public schools in accordance with a list of audit items developed by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, and must develop a written school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan and shall include certain community stakeholders in the development of such plan. The local school board, or designee, and required stakeholders must also annually review the written school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans. The school division must certify this review in writing. Every public school must conduct at least one fire drill per week during the first month of school and at least one fire drill each month for the remainder of the school year. Every public school must conduct one lock-down drill during the first 20 days of school and one additional lock-down drill after the first 60 days of the school year. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students shall be exempt from mandatory participation in lock-down drills during the first 60 days of the school session. Local school boards shall develop policies to implement such exemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten student shall participate in each lock-down drill after the first 60 days of each school session. Every public school shall provide the parents of enrolled students with at least 24 hours' notice before the school conducts any lock-down drill. In addition to safety drills, school boards shall develop training on safety procedures in the event of an emergency situation on school property. Such training shall be delivered to each student and employee in each school at least once each school year. Each school safety audit committee must conduct a school inspection walk-through using a standardized checklist and make the checklist available to the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality upon request. A copy of all school safety audits must be made available for public review, and copies of such audits must be submitted to the Virginia Center for School Safety by the division superintendent no later than August 31st of each year.

Type: Compulsory Order

Authority: Code of Virginia §§ [22.1-137](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-137/), [22.1-137.1](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-137.1/), [22.1-137.2](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-137.2/) and [22.1-279.8](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-279.8/); State Board of Education Regulation [8 VAC 20-131-260](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter131/section260/); Statewide Fire Prevention Code Sections [404.2.3](https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/VFC2018P1) and [405.1](https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/VFC2018P1)

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Assessment:  [SOE.DOE090.pdf](https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/MandatesSearch/AssessmentFiles/SOE.DOE090.pdf)