

Glossary

Ableism	Discrimination in favor of an able-bodied person.
Abstain	To choose not to do or have something, especially something you like or enjoy, because it is bad for your health or morally wrong.
Administrative Review	An administrative review (AR) is a Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) informal, voluntary process to resolve special education and Section 504 disputes, convened at the request of the parent/guardian or the school principal. Please note that voluntary participation in the FCPS administrative review is not a prerequisite for access to any of the dispute resolution options outlined in the VDOE Special Education Procedural Safeguards. For more information, please contact the FCPS Office of Due Process and Eligibility at 571-423-4470.
<u>Additional Consequences</u>	<u>A student who has been suspended or referred to the Division Superintendent may have ongoing consequences when the student returns to school. Probationary conditions, community service, drug testing, and restitution are among some of the ongoing consequences that may be assigned.</u>
Aggravating Circumstances	As defined by the Virginia Department of Education, such includes; (i) misconduct which caused serious harm (including but not limited to physical, emotional, and psychological harm) to another person(s) or posed a credible threat of serious harm to another person(s), as determined by a risk assessment; or (ii) the student's presence in the school poses an ongoing and unreasonable risk to the safety of the school, its students, staff, or others in the school; or (iii) the student engaged in a serious offense that was persistent and unresponsive to targeted interventions as documented through an established intervention process. The Code of Virginia requires that the above also includes consideration of the student's disciplinary history.
Alcohol and Other Drug Intervention (AOD)	An intervention provided by a Substance Abuse Prevention specialist who provides a substance abuse screener and psychoeducation. This education includes up to date facts about the potential impact of drug and alcohol use, as well as open discussions about the choices that lead to substance use, the impact these choices can have on students, friends, and other members of the family, options for responding to peer pressure, and strategies to quit the use of substances. A handoff to community providers, who can provide additional supports and treatment options is made available for those with a moderate to high risk for substance abuse.
<u>Alternative Education Programs</u>	<u>A student may be referred to a nontraditional FCPS program that provides intensive supports to students with behavioral</u>

and academic difficulties or has a history of absenteeism. These programs help students set their own goals and provide a range of academic supports, counseling, behavior management, and related services.

Assault

Intending to cause physical injury to another person. An act, criminal or tortious, that threatens physical harm to a person, whether or not actual harm is done.

Assault and Battery

Causing physical injury to another person other than a staff member.

Bell to Bell

After the first bell rings at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell rings at the end of the school day. "Bell to bell" includes lunch and in between classes.

Bona fide

Genuine. Real. In good faith.