

UPDATE

DRAFT MODEL POLICY FOR THE TREATMENT OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS IN VIRGINIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Initial implementation date 2/4/21 - Postponed pending review of comments and possible adjustment

School Board Policy

School Board policies will be adopted prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Goal

Goal is to minimize stigma and foster an inclusive school climate for transgender and other gender non-conforming students

Staff Training

Additional Professional Learning for staff, including required annual training for mental health professionals

Inclusive Approach

School divisions may take an inclusive approach by incorporating educational content that is gender-affirming into the educational curriculum

Research-based

Research indicates this leads to a less hostile learning environment, and better academic, mental health, and attendance outcomes

