

Safe schools = Student success

Learning is best achieved in a classroom environment free from disruptive behavior. Teachers and school staff can best serve students when they are able to perform their jobs without interruption or distraction. Whether they occur in the classroom or on the school bus, disciplinary problems make it difficult for educators to deliver quality instruction and services to all children.

AFT-WV has led the charge in fighting for safe and orderly schools in West Virginia for decades. The union was instrumental in the passage of the Safe Schools Act in the 1990's and has pushed for several additions to strengthen the law over the years.

The Safe Schools Act was designed to protect the rights of everyone in the classroom; educators and children do not forfeit their rights to a safe work environment when they enter a school.

Prior to the pandemic, student behavior was already at the top of educators' concerns. Over the last several years, there has also been an alarming increase in the number of teachers and service personnel who are being physically assaulted by students. Post-COVID, the prevalence of behavior disruptions has also increased significantly.

This fall, AFT-WV will be focusing on a campaign to educate school staff on the laws designed to help them, as well as students. The campaign will include conducting trainings/ workshops, soliciting our members' opinions regarding the best resources and solutions, discussing social and emotional resources for schools, legislative remedies, and more. We look forward to our members getting involved in our efforts to identify and implement solutions for our schools.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS!

Use your smartphone to scan the code and read our guide about the Safe Schools Act.



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