

Sexual Abuse Education and Prevention School Personnel

Training Module 1: <https://wvde.us/leadership-system-support/body-safety-and-sexual-abuse-prevention-toolkit/school-personnel-training/>

The West Virginia Department of Education School Personnel Sexual Abuse Education and Prevention Module 1 video is now available in the [Body Safety and Sexual Abuse Prevention Toolkit](#). As of July 1, 2019, all school personnel are required to complete four hours (half day) of sexual abuse education and prevention training, with a skills renewal every two years thereafter, as mandated by HB 4402. The county shall be responsible for administering a training to all public school employees every two years and providing the West Virginia Department of Education with a list of personnel who have completed the training. Certificate of completion will be provided by the Department.

The required training shall include comprehensive instruction on the following:

- Recognizing sexually offending behaviors in adults, questionable behaviors such as boundary violations, and signs in adults that might indicate they pose a sexual risk to children.
- Recognizing, appropriately responding to, and preventing sexually inappropriate, coercive, or abusive behaviors among children and youth served by schools.
- Recognizing behaviors and verbal cues that might indicate a child or youth has been a victim of abuse or neglect.
- Supporting the healthy development of children and youth and the building of protective factors to mitigate against their sexual victimization by adults or peers.
- Recognizing and appropriately responding to student infatuations and flirtations with adults in school.
- Recognizing appropriate and inappropriate social media usage by adults and children.
- Responding to disclosures of sexual abuse or reports of boundary-violating behaviors by adults or children in a supportive and appropriate manner which meet mandated reporting requirements
- Understanding of the age-appropriate, comprehensive, evidence-informed child sexual abuse prevention education which will be offered to West Virginia students
- Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed care.