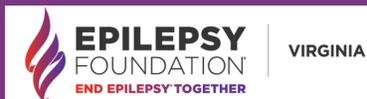




Virginia Seizure Safe Schools Background Information



The Virginia Assembly passed **Seizure Safe Schools** legislation, known as **The Jamie and Brie Strong Act**, after the two Virginia teens and epilepsy heroes who pioneered the law's introduction.

The act, which takes effect **July 1, 2022**, has three main provisions:

- 1** School personnel who regularly interact with students must complete Board of Ed-approved **seizure training** every 2 years
- 2** Schools must carry a physician-approved **Seizure Action Plan** for all students with a known seizure disorder
- 3** A **Good Samaritan Clause** that protects personnel from civil liability for any actions taken when providing seizure first aid

WHAT IS EPILEPSY?

Epilepsy is a chronic disorder, the hallmark of which is recurrent, unprovoked seizures. A person is diagnosed with epilepsy if they have two unprovoked seizures (or a unprovoked seizure with the likelihood of more) that were not caused by some known and reversible medical condition.

11,000

VA schoolchildren
have epilepsy

1 in 10

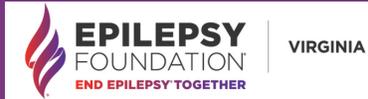
people will have a
seizure in their life

1 in 26

people have
epilepsy



Virginia Seizure Safe Schools Frequently Asked Questions



Q. Will schools be asked to pay for the seizure response training?

A. The seizure response training is provided by the Epilepsy Foundation, in partnership with the CDC for free. It is online and is already used by every school district in 5 states.

Q. What school personnel are expected to take the seizure response training?

A. Bus drivers, nurses, teachers, and any personnel who interact frequently with students are to take the biennial training. All personnel can earn continuing education credits (CEUs).

Q. Will all personnel be expected to administer medication in the event of a seizure?

A. Only school nurses are expected to administer medication. The training for other school personnel does not include medication administration in its objectives.

Q. Don't 504 Plans and Individualized Education Programs (IEP) cover seizure disorders?

A. Not all students with seizure disorders have learning gaps, so not all need a 504 or IEP. They do all need a targeted treatment plan, which is what Seizure Action Plans (SAP) cover.

Q. Will schools be able to review the Seizure Action Plans (SAP)?

A. SAPs are developed by the student's treating physician for review by school nurses, teachers, and other personnel the student has regular contact with.

Training for School Personnel

<https://learn.epilepsy.com/courses/schools-and-seizure-preparedness-on-demand>

Seizure Action Plans

<https://www.epilepsy.com/learn/managing-your-epilepsy/seizure-action-plans>

Please contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia for more information or assistance navigating epilepsy, seizure first aid, or Seizure Action Plans.