

Ordinance 2025/26-21

Section 9-3.1. Basis for transfers; transportation services. — A. ~~Transfer requests may be made by~~ Whenever any student ~~who~~ has been the victim of any ~~documented~~ crime against the person pursuant to Chapter 4 (§18.2-51 *et. seq.*) of Title 18.2 including ~~attempted homicide~~, crimes by mobs, ~~crimes of gangs, terrorism offenses~~, kidnapping and related offenses, assault and bodily wounds, ~~robberies robbery~~, extortion or other threats, ~~or~~ sexual assault and ~~seduction when the~~ such crime was committed: (i) by another student attending classes in the school; or (ii) by an employee of the School Board; or (iii) by any volunteer, contract worker or any other person who regularly performed services in the school; or (iv) ~~if the crime was committed~~ upon the school property or on any school bus owned or operated by Suffolk Public Schools, then student upon whom the crime was committed ~~may shall, upon written request a transfer if as a direct result he or she suffered physical, psychological or economic harm. Upon written request~~ from the student's parents or the student, if such student is an emancipated minor, be permitted to transfer ~~under this section~~ to another comparable school within ~~Suffolk Public Schools shall only be permitted by the School Board~~ Suffolk Public Schools if ~~space is~~ available.

B. Any transportation services for such students shall be provided in accordance with School Board policy.

C. For purposes of this policy, "victim" means any student who has been the victim of a crime against the person pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, and who has suffered physical, psychological, or economic harm as a direct result of the commission of such crime. (Adopted August 14, 1997; Revised June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-92; Effective Date: July 1, 2016)

Legal Authority - Virginia Code ~~§§ 22.1-3~~, 22.1-3.3; 20 U.S.C. § 7912.