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TEACHER KEY

Virginia RULES Webquest

Answer the following questions using the Virginia Rules website. Look on the left side of the website for topics addressed in each question!

Virginia RULES website: <https://virginiarules.org/virginia-rules/>

Legal Rights of Juveniles

1. Who is considered a juvenile in Virginia?

Anyone under 18 years of age

2. List the four basic legal rights of juveniles.

1. to be informed of their rights and of the charges against them, 2. to be represented by an attorney, 3. to confront their accuser and cross-examine witnesses, 4. to refuse to testify against themselves

3. Is it possible to have juvenile court records destroyed? How?

Yes, if you are found not guilty or the case is dismissed you can request the record be destroyed

4. What type of crime is made public for everyone to see?

A felony

Property Crimes

5. What is larceny?

Theft

6. Is stealing more than \$5 from a person petit larceny or grand larceny?

Grand Larceny

7. How is graffiti or "tagging" prosecuted in Virginia?

If the damage is more than \$1000 Class 6 felony, less than \$1000 Class 1 misdemeanor

8. What is the punishment for trespassing on school property at nighttime?

Class 3 misdemeanor

9. What is the punishment if you use a computer to change a grade?

Class 1 misdemeanor



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Shoplifting

10. List 3 possible consequences of being convicted of shoplifting.

Jail time, court costs and fees, attorney fees, civil liability, being banned from premises, negative effects on future job or college prospects

Student Responsibilities

11. Do students have to attend school in Virginia by law?

Yes

12. Who is authorized to bring you to school if you are skipping?

Law enforcement officers

Give It, Get It: Trust and Respect Between Teens and Law Enforcement

13. If you are stopped by police while driving, where should your hands be?

On the steering wheel where the officer can see them

14. If you need to reach for something what should you do?

Ask the officer if it is okay to reach for something

15. Signing a ticket is not admitting you are guilty, however, what happens if you refuse to sign the ticket?

You can be arrested

16. If an officer is unprofessional, or treats you disrespectfully what should you do?

File a complaint after the incident is over—never argue, curse, physically confront, or act disrespectful

Teens & Employment

17. At what age can you work in Virginia with an employment certificate?

14 or 15



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Family Relationships & the Law

18. Can your parents open mail addressed to you as a teenager?

Yes

19. Can you get a tattoo without your parents' permission?

Not if you are under 18

Bullying

20. Bullying is not a crime in Virginia, but acts involved in bullying are criminal offenses. List three acts that are considered criminal that are associated with bullying.

Threat, harassment, extortion, assault & battery, robbery, and hazing

21. What are some things you should do if you experience cyberbullying?

Walk away, report it to your service provider, block the bully, or save the evidence to show to your parents

Alcohol & Tobacco

22. What is the penalty for someone under 21 to purchase or possess alcohol?

Class 1 misdemeanor and, face a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or a year in jail if convicted. At a minimum, the court will order a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or a mandatory 50 hours of community service and suspend the driver's license or deny driving privileges for not less than six months. The court may also order substance abuse education, counseling and treatment.

23. Can you legally drink at home with your parents present and with their permission if you are under 21?

Yes

24. What happens if you bring alcohol to school?

You will face school discipline and criminal charges including possible fines and jail time

25. What is the penalty if you are under age and caught with tobacco or vaping products?

Class 4 misdemeanor, possible fines, and community service