

The 2006-07 School-level SESIR Incidents and Resultant Disciplinary Actions Report

Introduction

Since the 1995-1996 school year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has annually collected data on 21 (now 22) incidents of crime, violence and other serious school incidents through the School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) System. Collected through Survey 5 of the DOE Automated Student Information System, and commonly identified as SESIR, this data is reported to FDOE at the incident level and reflects the total number of incidents that occur annually. SESIR does not collect data on the total number of students or others involved in those incidents.

The *School-level SESIR Incidents and Resultant Disciplinary Actions Report* is a summary of both SESIR data and School Disciplinary Action files and:

- Fulfills the requirements of the federal Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (UMIRS), as outlined in Title IV of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
- Provides school administrators with information on the relative prevalence of crime and violence in their schools.
- Is a tool to assess the quality and accuracy of SESIR and discipline data reported to FDOE.
- The data presented in the most recent 2006-07 report are ***indicators of potential problems***, in the areas of school safety or in the processes or systems used to collect, enter and report to FDOE.
- Includes only elementary, middle, high, combination, and charter schools.
- Does not include schools for which no SESIR incidents were reported.
- Lists schools alphabetically, with school totals on the last row of each school's report.
- Does not include incidents in which no student was involved or the offender is unknown.
- Provides district totals in the last row of each district's report.

The following is a sample of the *School-level SESIR Incidents and Resultant Disciplinary Actions Report* and a breakdown of column categories:

2006-07 SCHOOL-LEVEL SESIR INCIDENTS AND RESULTANT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS REPORT											
Column #1	Column #2	Column #3	Column #4								
			Total Matching Disciplinary Actions by Category**								
Type of SESIR Incidents	Total Number SESIR Incidents*	Incidents Having Appropriate Disciplinary Matches	Corporal Punishment	In-School Suspension	Out-of-School Suspension	Expelled, With No Continuing Ed Svs.	Expelled, With Continuing Ed Svs.	Alternative Placement	Suspension Extended Hearing Pending	Other SESIR-Defined	Change in Placement
Battery	4	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0

- **Column #1 Type of SESIR Incidents** lists all incidents types that occurred at each school.
- **Column #2 Total Number SESIR Incidents** reflects the number of incidents that were student-involved. It does not reflect the number of students involved in those incidents.
- **Column #3 Incidents Having Appropriate Disciplinary Matches** indicates figures aggregated from the student-level discipline file. These figures are incident-level, indicating the number of reported SESIR incidents that correspond to an appropriate disciplinary action¹.
- **Column #4 Total Matching Disciplinary Actions by Category** reflects the total number of disciplinary actions reported that are associated with that incident type. The sum of the sub-categories under *Column #4* may be higher than the totals under *Column #3*. This is because *Column #4* includes actions for each student disciplined in multi-student incidents.

The *School-level SESIR Incidents and Resultant Disciplinary Actions Report* can be used by district and school administrators as a tool to calculate a “match rate” between reported incidents and their associated, appropriate disciplinary actions. By comparing the figures in *Column #2* to those in *Column #3*, a “match rate” can be calculated for each school.

In the Battery incident above, four student-involved battery incidents were reported for 2006-07 for a single school. However, only three of these incidents had appropriate disciplinary matches. Therefore, this school had a match rate of 75% for student-involved battery incidents.

¹ **Appropriate Disciplinary Actions include:** C-Corporal Punishment, I-In-School Suspension, O-Out-of-School Suspension, P-Alternative Placement, E-Expelled with No Continuing Ed. Svs.; F-Expelled With Services, H-Suspension Extended, Hearing Pending, S-Other SESIR defined, and U-Change in Placement (for students with disabilities only).

For the three battery incidents having appropriate disciplinary matches, there were still seven reported matching disciplinary actions by category. This indicates that at least one of the battery incidents involved more than one student offender. In the battery example provided, the principal should investigate how and why one of the incidents did not have an appropriate disciplinary match. Was it a coding error or did something fall through the cracks?

Under *Column #4*, the distribution of the sub-categories should serve as a useful logic check of the appropriateness of disciplinary actions for a particular incident type. If, for example, a school reports three expulsions for a tobacco incident, the principal should further investigate the event.

Any match rate lower than 100% indicates a potential error in the reporting of incidents or their associated, appropriate disciplinary actions. When match rates are lower than 85%, this indicates that errors are likely in systematic data collection and/or entry problems. Unless addressed and remedied, these same system problems will likely affect the current and future years' data.