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Report on the Implementation of the *Gun-Free Schools Act* in the States and Outlying Areas School Year 2003–04

Introduction

The *Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA)* was reauthorized by Section 4141 of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB; Public Law 107-110)*. See Appendix A for a copy of the amended *GFSA*. *GFSA* requires that each state¹ or outlying area² receiving federal funds under the *ESEA* have a law that requires all local education agencies (LEAs) in these states and outlying areas to expel from school for at least one year any student found bringing a firearm³ to school or possessing a firearm at school. (See Appendix A for the reauthorization language of the *GFSA*.) State laws also must authorize the LEA chief administering officer to modify, in writing, any such expulsion on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the *GFSA* states that the law must be construed so as to be consistent with the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*.

The *GFSA* requires states and outlying areas to report information about the implementation of the *GFSA* annually to the secretary of education. In order to meet this requirement and to monitor compliance with the *GFSA*, the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) requires each state and outlying area to submit an annual report that provides information on student expulsions by various categories.

Organization of the Report

This report summarizes the 2003–04 data submitted by the states and outlying areas. First, the report provides a brief summary of the overall findings, and second, it summarizes the 2003–04 data in bulleted, graphic, and tabular form as well as compares selected 2003–04 data and data submitted in previous years. The report also presents the data submitted by each state and outlying area, as well as any caveats or notes accompanying the respective data. Finally, there are two appendices to the report as noted above: Appendix A contains a copy of the amended *GFSA*, and Appendix B contains a copy of the 2003–04 *GFSA* data collection instrument for states and outlying areas.

¹ For the purpose of *ESEA* funding, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are counted as states.

² The outlying areas referred to in this report are: American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

³ The term *firearm* includes handguns, rifles, shotguns and other firearms. See the data collection instrument in Appendix B for a detailed definition of a firearm.

Data Quality and Interpretation of Findings

The information contained in this report should be interpreted with caution. As noted on the summary state-by-state tables and on the individual state and outlying area pages, some states and outlying areas attached caveats and notes to their data that should be consulted when interpreting the data. This is of particular importance when examining national totals, as they are made up of data that are not necessarily comparable from state to state in all cases.

Finally, this report is not designed to provide information to the reader regarding the rate at which students carry firearms to school or possess firearms at school. The data summarized in this report relate to actions taken with regard to the number of students *found* bringing firearms to schools or possessing firearms at schools.

Data Collection and Verification

The Department received reports from all states and outlying areas by Jan. 31, 2005. To ensure that the data were reported accurately, the following procedures were followed:

- Each survey was reviewed for completeness and internal consistency and entered into a database.
- In a few cases, the states and outlying areas were contacted to obtain a correction or clarification of the data submitted. For example, the data provider was contacted if the forms submitted were not internally consistent, if the rows or columns or both rows and columns did not add to the printed totals or if the 2003–04 data represented a large change from the data reported for 2002–03.
- Once all of the data were received, all states and outlying areas were contacted and asked to provide final data verification by fax.

Summary of Findings

- Overall, 50 states, the District of Columbia (D.C.), Puerto Rico, and the four outlying areas reported data under the *GFSA* for school year 2003–04. They reported that they expelled a total of 2,165 students from school for bringing a firearm to school or possessing a firearm at school.
- Fifty-eight percent of the expulsions were students in senior high school; 29 percent were in junior high; and 13 percent were in elementary school.⁴

⁴ **Elementary school:** A school classified as elementary by state and local practice and composed of any span of grades not above grade 6. Combined elementary and junior high schools (see definition to follow) are considered junior high schools, and combined elementary and secondary schools (e.g., K–12 buildings) are classified as senior high schools for this report.

Junior high school: A separately organized and administered school intermediate between elementary and senior high schools, which might also be called a middle school, usually includes grades 7, 8 and 9; grades 7 and 8; or grades 6, 7 and 8. Combined elementary and junior high schools are considered junior high schools for this report; combined junior and senior high schools are considered senior high schools (see definition to follow) for this report.

Senior high school: A school offering the final years of school work necessary for graduation, usually including grades 10, 11 and 12 or grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Combined junior and senior high schools are classified as high schools for this report; combined elementary and secondary schools (e.g., K–12 buildings) also are classified as senior high schools.

- Fifty-eight percent of the expulsions were for bringing or possessing a handgun. Thirty percent were for some other type of firearm or other destructive device, such as bombs, grenades or starter pistols, and 12 percent of the expulsions were for bringing or possessing a rifle or shotgun.
- There was a 1 percent increase in the number of expulsions from 2002–03 to 2003-04.
- Forty-six percent of expulsions were modified to less than the one-year requirement.
- Seventy-five percent of modified expulsions were for students who were not considered disabled.
- Forty-six percent of students in the reporting states were referred to an alternative placement. Among those referred, 36 percent of the expulsions were modified, and 64 percent were not modified.
- All of the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the outlying areas reported that their LEAs submitted a *GFSA* report. Hawaii⁵ and Utah had the highest percentage of LEAs that reported one or more students for an offense under the *GFSA*.

Expulsions for Bringing or Possessing a Firearm—Overview

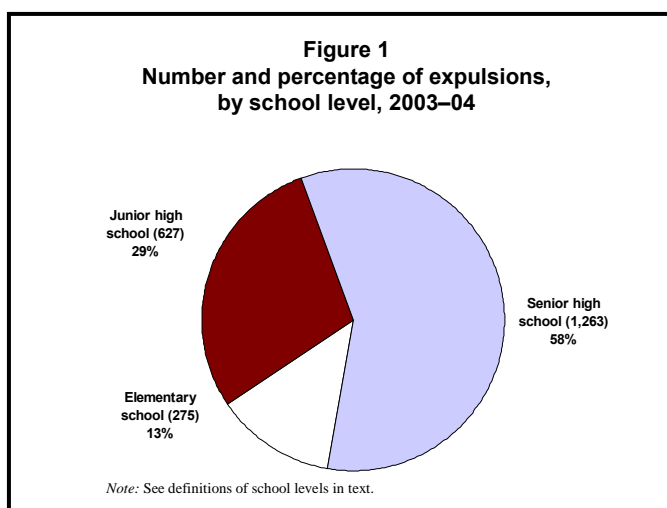
Overall, 56 states and outlying areas provided data on the number of students expelled for bringing or possessing a firearm, for a total of 2,165 expulsions. California, New York, Texas, and Virginia had 100 or more expulsions each. When viewed as the number of expulsions per 1,000 enrolled students, Utah had the highest number of expulsions per 1,000 students. Refer to table 1 for more detailed information on the data provided by the individual states and outlying areas.

⁵ Hawaii only has one school district. The LEA and the state education agency are the same.

Expulsions by School Level

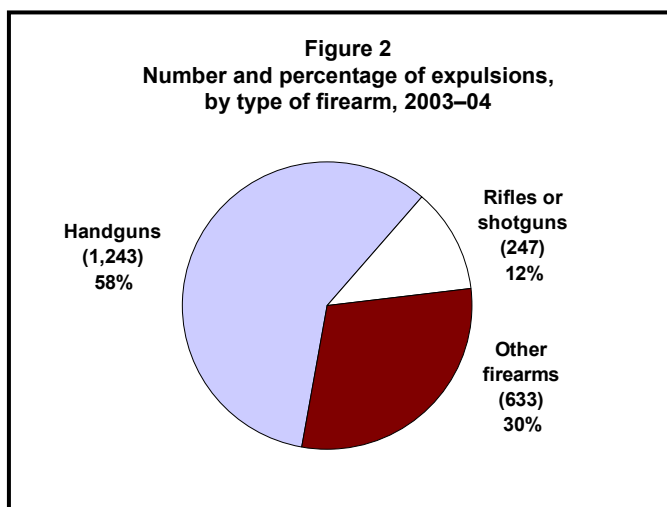
All states and outlying areas provided data on their expulsions.

Of the 2,165 expulsions reported by school level, more than half, 58 percent (1,263), were students in senior high schools; 29 percent (627) were students in junior high; and 13 percent (275) were elementary school students (see fig. 1 and table 2).



Expulsions by Type of Firearm

Of the 2,123 reported expulsions by type of firearm⁶, 58 percent (1,243) involved handguns; 12 percent (247) involved rifles or shotguns; and the remaining 30 percent (633) involved other types of firearms (such as bombs, grenades and starter pistols) (see fig. 2 and table 3).



Overall Year-to-Year Changes in Number of Expulsions—2002–03 to 2003–04

Overall, the reported number of expulsions increased 1 percent from 2,143 in 2002–03 to 2,165 in 2003–04 (see table 4). Of the total of 56 states and outlying areas reporting expulsions, three remained unchanged while 22 showed a decrease in the number of expulsions from 2002–03 to 2003–04. Among these, the greatest decrease was reported in Arkansas. Conversely, 31 states showed an increase in the number of expulsions from 2002–03 to 2003–04, with the largest increase in California.

⁶ Ohio did not provide information on the type of firearm for 2003–04. As a result, Ohio’s expulsion data is excluded from this number.

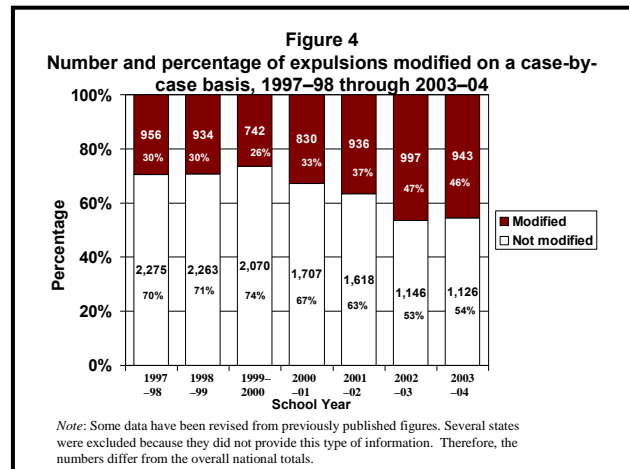
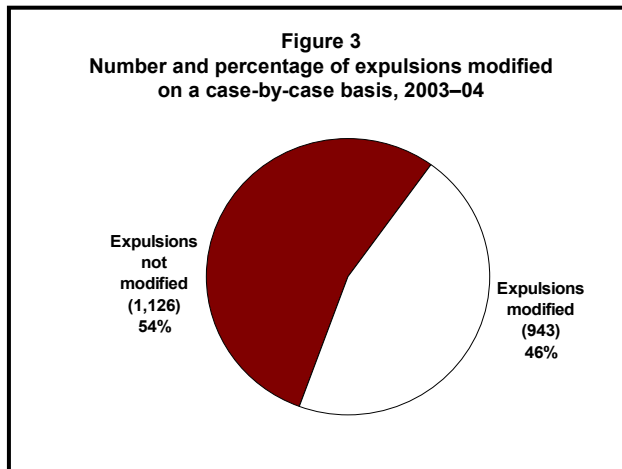
See table 5 for the total number of expulsions reported by each state and outlying area over the last seven years.

Modified Expulsions and Students With Disabilities

The *GFSA* allows the LEA chief administering officer to modify, in writing, any expulsion for a firearm violation on a case-by-case basis (for example, by shortening the standard expulsion requirement to less than one year). One purpose of this provision is to allow the chief administering officer in a school district to take unique circumstances into account as well as to ensure that *IDEA* and *GFSA* requirements are implemented consistently. In order to capture these modifications, states were asked to report the number of students who had their period of expulsion modified, as well as the number of these cases that were not for students with disabilities.

Modified Expulsions

Of the 2,069 reported expulsions in the states⁷ and outlying areas, 943 (or 46 percent) were modified to less than one year in 2003–04 (see fig. 3 and table 6).

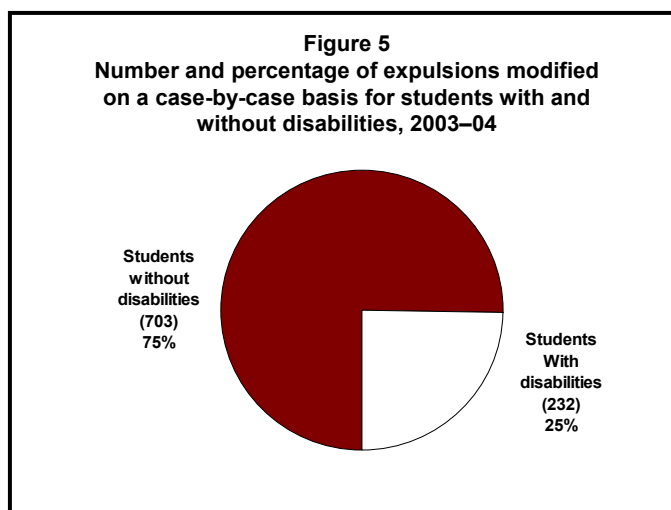


The percentage of expulsions that were modified had dropped to below 30 percent in 1999-2000, but since then has remained above 33 percent (see fig. 4).

⁷ Georgia did not provide information on the number of modifications for 2003–04. As a result, Georgia’s expulsion data is excluded from this number.

Disability Status of Students With Modified Expulsions

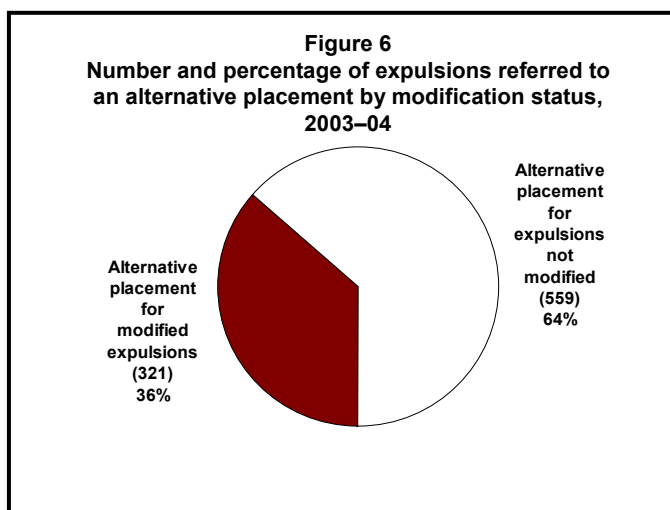
Of the 937 reported students whose expulsions were modified, 703 (75 percent) were for students not considered disabled under Sec. 602(a)(1) of *IDEA*⁸ (see fig. 5 and table 7).



Referrals to Alternative Schools or Programs

The *GFSA* allows local officials to refer expelled students to an alternative school or program. Forty-seven states and outlying areas reported complete information for this data item.

Overall, 46 percent (880) of the 1,908 reported expulsions by states and outlying areas were referred to an alternative placement.⁹ Of the 880 students referred to an alternative placement for expulsions that states reported as modified or not modified,¹⁰ 321 (36 percent) were for students with modified expulsions, while 559 (64 percent) were for students with expulsions that were not modified (see fig. 6 and table 8).



⁸ The disability status of two students in North Carolina is unknown. Oregon did not provide data broken out by disabled and nondisabled students. Therefore, the reported total does not equal the sum total of modifications by disability status.

⁹ Several states (Georgia, Ohio, Oregon and Utah) did not provide referral data broken out by modified and not modified. As a result, their expulsion data is excluded from this number.

¹⁰ Beginning in 2002–03 the reporting form asked for referrals broken out by expulsion modified and expulsion not modified. Prior to this reporting year all referrals to an alternative placement were reported as a single number.

***GFSA* Report on LEA Compliance**

Starting with the 1999–2000 school year, states and outlying areas were asked to report information regarding the level of LEA compliance with the state law that requires that a student who brings a firearm to school, or possesses a firearm at school, be expelled for one year (see table 9). Additionally, they were asked to indicate the percentage of LEAs that reported an expulsion.

Most states and outlying areas indicated that virtually all of their LEAs had submitted *GFSA* reports. Any issues surrounding noncompliance with the *GFSA* are addressed directly by the Department.

Table 1

Number of students expelled for having brought to or possessed a firearm in school, 2003–04 and *GFSA* violations per 1,000 students of public elementary and secondary enrollment, by state or outlying area, fall 2003

State or outlying area ^a	Number of students expelled in 2003–04	Public elementary and secondary enrollment	<i>GFSA</i> violations for fall 2003 per 1,000 of enrollment
Total	2,165	49,202,066	0.044
Alabama	62	731,220	0.085
Alaska	13	133,933	0.097
Arizona	56	1,012,068	0.055
Arkansas	13	454,523	0.029
California	151	6,413,862	0.024
Colorado	24	757,693	0.032
Connecticut	7	577,203	0.012
Delaware	2	117,668	0.017
District of Columbia	3	78,057	0.038
Florida	63	2,587,628	0.024
Georgia	96	1,522,611	0.063
Hawaii	9	183,609	0.049
Idaho	11	252,120	0.044
Illinois	37	2,100,961	0.018
Indiana	30	1,011,130	0.030
Iowa	5	488,004	0.010
Kansas	17	466,317	0.036
Kentucky	40	633,885	0.060
Louisiana	30	727,709	0.041
Maine	1	202,084	0.005
Maryland	32	869,113	0.037
Massachusetts	37	980,459	0.038
Michigan	65	1,757,604	0.037
Minnesota	49	842,854	0.058
Mississippi	82	493,540	0.166
Missouri	55	905,941	0.061
Montana	18	148,356	0.121
Nebraska	17	285,542	0.060
Nevada	25	385,401	0.065
New Hampshire	1	207,417	0.005
New Jersey	17	1,380,753	0.012
New Mexico	31	323,066	0.096
New York	110	2,864,775	0.038
North Carolina	90	1,360,209	0.066
North Dakota	5	102,233	0.049
Ohio	42	1,845,428	0.023
Oklahoma	35	626,160	0.056
Oregon	35	551,273	0.063
Pennsylvania	73	1,821,146	0.040
Puerto Rico	6	584,916	0.010
Rhode Island	5	159,375	0.031
South Carolina	26	699,198	0.037
South Dakota	12	125,537	0.096
Tennessee	62	936,681	0.066
Texas	180	4,331,751	0.042
Utah	84	495,981	0.169
Vermont	2	99,103	0.020
Virginia	173	1,192,092	0.145
Washington	57	1,021,349	0.056
West Virginia	24	281,215	0.085
Wisconsin	35	880,031	0.040
Wyoming	7	87,462	0.080
American Samoa	0	15,893	0.000
Guam	3	31,572	0.095
Northern Mariana Is.	0	11,244	0.000
Virgin Islands	0	17,716	0.000

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, NCES Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 1988–89 through 2003–04, and *Projections of Education Statistics to 2014*. See <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d05> for enrollment data.

Note: *GFSA* = *Gun-Free Schools Act*.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 2

Number and percentage of students expelled for having brought to or possessed a firearm in school, by school level and by state or outlying area, 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	School level and percentage					Total students	
	Elementary	Percentage of total	Junior high	Percentage of total	Senior high		Percentage of total
Total	275	13	627	29	1,263	58	2,165
Alabama	5	8	20	32	37	60	62
Alaska	0	0	4	31	9	69	13
Arizona	6	11	14	25	36	64	56
Arkansas	2	15	1	8	10	77	13
California	16	11	45	30	90	60	151
Colorado	0	0	2	8	22	92	24
Connecticut	0	0	4	57	3	43	7
Delaware	0	0	0	0	2	100	2
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	3	100	3
Florida	6	10	11	17	46	73	63
Georgia	13	14	34	35	49	51	96
Hawaii	0	0	6	67	3	33	9
Idaho	1	9	1	9	9	82	11
Illinois	8	22	8	22	21	57	37
Indiana	3	10	9	30	18	60	30
Iowa	0	0	1	20	4	80	5
Kansas	2	12	2	12	13	76	17
Kentucky	5	13	7	18	28	70	40
Louisiana	10	33	9	30	11	37	30
Maine	0	0	0	0	1	100	1
Maryland	1	3	6	19	25	78	32
Massachusetts	5	14	16	43	16	43	37
Michigan	3	5	23	35	39	60	65
Minnesota	6	12	2	4	41	84	49
Mississippi	21	26	29	35	32	39	82
Missouri	6	11	13	24	36	65	55
Montana	4	22	1	6	13	72	18
Nebraska	1	6	7	41	9	53	17
Nevada	3	12	4	16	18	72	25
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	1	100	1
New Jersey	1	6	8	47	8	47	17
New Mexico	4	13	10	32	17	55	31
New York	21	19	22	20	67	61	110
North Carolina	14	16	26	29	50	56	90
North Dakota	2	40	0	0	3	60	5
Ohio	7	17	17	40	18	43	42
Oklahoma	12	34	10	29	13	37	35
Oregon	9	26	10	29	16	46	35
Pennsylvania	12	16	36	49	25	34	73
Puerto Rico	0	0	1	17	5	83	6
Rhode Island	0	0	2	40	3	60	5
South Carolina	2	8	3	12	21	81	26
South Dakota	0	0	2	17	10	83	12
Tennessee	3	5	18	29	41	66	62
Texas	11	6	48	27	121	67	180
Utah	10	12	28	33	46	55	84
Vermont	0	0	0	0	2	100	2
Virginia	30	17	70	40	73	42	173
Washington	7	12	15	26	35	61	57
West Virginia	3	13	8	33	13	54	24
Wisconsin	0	0	13	37	22	63	35
Wyoming	0	0	1	14	6	86	7
American Samoa	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guam	0	0	0	0	3	100	3
Northern Mariana Is.	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Virgin Islands	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report* for School Year 2003–2004.

Note: -- means the number and percentage are not shown here because the calculation generates a divide-by-zero error.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 3

Number and percentage of students expelled for having brought to or possessed a firearm in school, by type of firearm and by state or outlying area, 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	Type of firearm and percentage						Total students
	Handgun	Percentage of total	Rifle or shotgun	Percentage of total	Other	Percentage of total	
Total	1,243	58	247	12	633	30	2,123
Alabama	40	65	7	11	15	24	62
Alaska	1	8	2	15	10	77	13
Arizona	36	64	4	7	16	29	56
Arkansas	8	62	5	38	0	0	13
California	114	75	11	7	26	17	151
Colorado	12	50	2	8	10	42	24
Connecticut	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
Delaware	2	100	0	0	0	0	2
District of Columbia	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
Florida	55	87	5	8	3	5	63
Georgia	76	79	20	21	MD	--	96
Hawaii	6	67	0	0	3	33	9
Idaho	5	45	5	45	1	9	11
Illinois	36	97	1	3	0	0	37
Indiana	21	70	3	10	6	20	30
Iowa	4	80	1	20	0	0	5
Kansas	7	41	5	29	5	29	17
Kentucky	26	65	2	5	12	30	40
Louisiana	25	83	0	0	5	17	30
Maine	1	100	0	0	0	0	1
Maryland	29	91	3	9	0	0	32
Massachusetts	19	51	0	0	18	49	37
Michigan	39	60	24	37	2	3	65
Minnesota	25	51	16	33	8	16	49
Mississippi	35	43	2	2	45	55	82
Missouri	31	56	10	18	14	25	55
Montana	7	39	4	22	7	39	18
Nebraska	7	41	5	29	5	29	17
Nevada	23	92	2	8	0	0	25
New Hampshire	1	100	0	0	0	0	1
New Jersey	16	94	0	0	1	6	17
New Mexico	17	55	3	10	11	35	31
New York	47	43	6	5	57	52	110
North Carolina	63	70	12	13	15	17	90
North Dakota	1	20	2	40	2	40	5
Oklahoma	3	9	8	23	24	69	35
Oregon	14	40	2	6	19	54	35
Pennsylvania	41	56	5	7	27	37	73
Puerto Rico	4	67	0	0	2	33	6
Rhode Island	3	60	0	0	2	40	5
South Carolina	22	85	4	15	0	0	26
South Dakota	3	25	9	75	0	0	12
Tennessee	56	90	0	0	6	10	62
Texas	129	72	32	18	19	11	180
Utah	30	36	5	6	49	58	84
Vermont	1	50	1	50	0	0	2
Virginia	41	24	2	1	130	75	173
Washington	30	53	5	9	22	39	57
West Virginia	10	42	3	13	11	46	24
Wisconsin	12	34	7	20	16	46	35
Wyoming	0	0	2	29	5	71	7
American Samoa	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guam	0	0	0	0	3	100	3
Northern Mariana Is.	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Virgin Islands	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report* for School Year 2003–2004.

Note: MD = Missing data. Ohio did not provide information on the type of firearm for 2003–04; as a result, Ohio is excluded from this table, and the overall national total differs from that reported in table 1. --The number and percentage are not shown here because the calculation generates a divide-by-zero error.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 4

Number of students expelled for having brought to or possessed a firearm in school and number and percentage change, by state or outlying area, 2002–03 and 2003–4

State or outlying area ^a	School year		Number change	Percentage change
	2002–03	2003–04		
Total	2,143	2,165	22	+1
Alabama	53	62	9	+17
Alaska	12	13	1	+8
Arizona	105	56	-49	-47
Arkansas	97	13	-84	-87
California	96	151	55	+57
Colorado	36	24	-12	-33
Connecticut	8	7	-1	-12
Delaware	4	2	-2	-50
District of Columbia	1	3	2	+200
Florida	54	63	9	+17
Georgia	85	96	11	+13
Hawaii	2	9	7	+350
Idaho	7	11	4	+57
Illinois	46	37	-9	-20
Indiana	26	30	4	+15
Iowa	9	5	-4	-44
Kansas	28	17	-11	-39
Kentucky	52	40	-12	-23
Louisiana	58	30	-28	-48
Maine	2	1	-1	-50
Maryland	27	32	5	+19
Massachusetts	28	37	9	+32
Michigan	37	65	28	+76
Minnesota	15	49	34	+227
Mississippi	70	82	12	+17
Missouri	62	55	-7	-11
Montana	20	18	-2	-10
Nebraska	10	17	7	+70
Nevada	35	25	-10	-29
New Hampshire	3	1	-2	-67
New Jersey	11	17	6	+55
New Mexico	28	31	3	+11
New York	79	110	31	+39
North Carolina	69	90	21	+30
North Dakota	2	5	3	+150
Ohio	65	42	-23	-35
Oklahoma	33	35	2	+6
Oregon	29	35	6	+62
Pennsylvania	45	73	28	+62
Puerto Rico	4	6	2	+50
Rhode Island	7	5	-2	-29
South Carolina	27	26	-1	-4
South Dakota	9	12	3	+33
Tennessee	74	62	-12	-16
Texas	175	180	5	+3
Utah	56	84	28	+50
Vermont	2	2	0	0
Virginia	197	173	-24	-12
Washington	100	57	-43	-43
West Virginia	8	24	16	+200
Wisconsin	22	35	13	+59
Wyoming	6	7	1	+17
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Guam	2	3	1	+50
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	5	0	-5	-100

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report* for School Year 2003–2004.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 5

Number of students expelled for having brought to or possessed a firearm in school, by state or outlying area, 1996–97 through 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	School year							
	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Total	4,787	3,660	3,477	2,835	2,537	2,554	2,143	2,165
Alabama	91	82	174	154	200	138	53	62
Alaska	19	18	30	17	10	55	12	13
Arizona	152	111	101	56	131	124	105	56
Arkansas	62	57	66	23	32	80	97	13
California	723	384	290	154	123	104	96	151
Colorado	131	30	110	42	24	31	36	24
Connecticut	19	9	11	6	0	8	8	7
Delaware	7	7	9	2	1	3	4	2
District of Columbia	0	4	13	3	0	3	1	3
Florida	202	149	94	67	95	51	54	63
Georgia	244	203	208	117	111	119	85	96
Hawaii	0	3	5	3	0	7	2	9
Idaho	33	42	31	19	17	21	7	11
Illinois	250	86	77	40	32	53	46	37
Indiana	109	62	103	33	21	41	26	30
Iowa	40	30	17	20	11	9	9	5
Kansas	43	33	52	40	36	32	28	17
Kentucky	70	72	37	12	7	46	52	40
Louisiana	88	25	21	73	113	75	58	30
Maine	13	5	6	3	1	2	2	1
Maryland	73	32	34	35	26	21	27	32
Massachusetts	54	46	43	10	18	89	28	37
Michigan	92	99	106	100	90	46	37	65
Minnesota	18	45	24	15	12	23	15	49
Mississippi	11	47	24	36	64	67	70	82
Missouri	318	179	171	102	49	59	62	55
Montana	12	17	15	22	12	31	20	18
Nebraska	20	11	15	20	11	6	10	17
Nevada	54	36	52	45	58	56	35	25
New Hampshire	15	5	11	3	5	0	3	1
New Jersey	57	40	51	29	13	16	11	17
New Mexico	71	32	47	23	32	20	28	31
New York	128	91	206	98	89	88	79	110
North Carolina	138	121	141	78	77	92	69	90
North Dakota	1	1	3	0	3	4	2	5
Ohio	MD	119	77	199	135	53	65	42
Oklahoma	0	17	16	31	13	60	33	35
Oregon	85	135	48	87	40	55	29	35
Pennsylvania	200	121	76	76	40	36	45	73
Puerto Rico	0	1	4	1	0	4	4	6
Rhode Island	7	10	4	6	9	7	7	5
South Carolina	94	85	52	55	43	34	27	26
South Dakota	7	26	9	1	7	5	9	12
Tennessee	98	192	152	109	88	80	74	62
Texas	532	424	294	237	204	177	175	180
Utah	80	9	13	50	53	83	56	84
Vermont	5	5	3	1	3	3	2	2
Virginia	92	99	115	259	204	197	197	173
Washington	146	118	115	144	106	92	100	57
West Virginia	27	17	14	9	12	6	8	24
Wisconsin	54	66	71	51	46	30	22	35
Wyoming	0	0	11	16	6	7	6	7
American Samoa	MD	0	0	MD	0	0	0	0
Guam	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	3
Northern Mariana Is.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1	2	0	3	4	4	5	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No. 1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report for School Year 2003–2004*.

Note: MD = Missing data. Some data have been revised from published figures in previous *Gun-Free Schools Act* reports.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 6

Number and percentage of students found to have brought to or possessed a firearm in school for which the required one-year expulsion was modified on a case-by-case basis, by state or outlying area, 2003-04

State or outlying area ^a	Number of expulsions	Number modified	Percentage modified
Total	2,069	943	46
Alabama	62	35	56
Alaska	13	13	100
Arizona	56	17	30
Arkansas	13	4	31
California	151	17	11
Colorado	24	13	54
Connecticut	7	2	29
Delaware	2	0	0
District of Columbia	3	0	0
Florida	63	17	27
Hawaii	9	6	67
Idaho	11	8	73
Illinois	37	3	8
Indiana	30	24	80
Iowa	5	2	40
Kansas	17	12	71
Kentucky	40	0	0
Louisiana	30	8	27
Maine	1	0	0
Maryland	32	9	28
Massachusetts	37	1	3
Michigan	65	18	28
Minnesota	49	41	84
Mississippi	82	49	60
Missouri	55	1	2
Montana	18	14	78
Nebraska	17	8	47
Nevada	25	7	28
New Hampshire	1	0	0
New Jersey	17	2	12
New Mexico	31	4	13
New York	110	68	62
North Carolina	90	90	100
North Dakota	5	2	40
Ohio	42	36	86
Oklahoma	35	22	63
Oregon	35	6	17
Pennsylvania	73	30	41
Puerto Rico	6	3	50
Rhode Island	5	5	100
South Carolina	26	5	19
South Dakota	12	9	75
Tennessee	62	51	82
Texas	180	58	32
Utah	84	66	79
Vermont	2	1	50
Virginia	173	110	64
Washington	57	20	35
West Virginia	24	13	54
Wisconsin	35	6	17
Wyoming	7	6	86
American Samoa	0	0	0
Guam	3	1	33
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act* Report.

Note: Georgia did not provide information on the number of modified expulsions for 2003-04; as a result, Georgia is excluded from this table, and the overall national total differs from that reported in table 1.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 7

Number and percentage of students found to have brought to or possessed a firearm in school and received modified expulsions that were for nondisabled students, by state or outlying area, 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	Number modified expulsions	Number modified expulsions for disabled students	Number modified expulsions for nondisabled students	Percentage modified expulsions for nondisabled students
Total	937	232	703	75
Alabama	35	10	25	71
Alaska	13	1	12	92
Arizona	17	4	13	76
Arkansas	4	0	4	100
California	17	1	16	94
Colorado	13	9	4	31
Connecticut	2	1	1	50
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	17	2	15	88
Hawaii	6	2	4	67
Idaho	8	2	6	75
Illinois	3	0	3	100
Indiana	24	4	20	83
Iowa	2	1	1	50
Kansas	12	6	6	50
Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	8	4	4	50
Maine	0	0	0	0
Maryland	9	2	7	78
Massachusetts	1	0	1	100
Michigan	18	2	16	89
Minnesota	41	5	36	88
Mississippi	49	18	31	63
Missouri	1	0	1	100
Montana	14	6	8	57
Nebraska	8	1	7	88
Nevada	7	1	6	86
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	2	0	2	100
New Mexico	4	4	0	0
New York	68	17	51	75
North Carolina*	90	28	60	67
North Dakota	2	0	2	100
Ohio	36	8	28	78
Oklahoma	22	2	20	91
Pennsylvania	30	9	21	70
Puerto Rico	3	0	3	100
Rhode Island	5	0	5	100
South Carolina	5	1	4	80
South Dakota	9	2	7	78
Tennessee	51	12	39	76
Texas	58	2	56	97
Utah	66	16	68	103
Vermont	1	0	1	100
Virginia	110	35	75	68
Washington	20	10	10	50
West Virginia	13	1	12	92
Wisconsin	6	1	5	83
Wyoming	6	1	5	83
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Guam	1	0	0	0
Northern Mariana Is.	0	1	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report* for School Year 2003–2004.

Note: Georgia and Oregon did not provide data broken out by disabled and nondisabled students for 2003–04; as a result, Georgia and Oregon are excluded from this table, and the overall national total differs from that reported in table 6. The disability status for two students in North Carolina is unknown; therefore, the reported total does not equal the sum total of modifications by disability status.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 8

Number and percentage of students found to have brought to or possessed a firearm in school who were referred to an alternative placement, by state or outlying area, 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	Number of expulsions	Total number referred	Total percentage referred	Number referred modified	Percentage of modified referred	Number referred not modified	Percentage of not modified referred
Total	1,908	880	46	321	36	559	64
Alabama	62	13	21	13	100	0	0
Alaska	13	0	0	0	--	0	--
Arizona	56	56	100	18	32	38	68
Arkansas	13	1	8	0	0	1	100
California	151	136	90	12	9	124	91
Colorado	24	11	46	4	36	7	64
Connecticut	7	7	100	2	29	5	71
Delaware	2	0	0	0	--	0	--
District of Columbia	3	3	100	0	0	3	100
Florida	63	28	45	7	25	21	75
Hawaii	9	0	0	0	--	0	--
Idaho	11	5	45	5	100	0	0
Illinois	37	21	57	1	5	20	95
Indiana	30	5	17	3	60	2	40
Iowa	5	4	80	2	50	2	50
Kansas	17	6	35	6	100	0	0
Kentucky	40	1	2	0	0	1	100
Louisiana	30	18	60	5	28	13	72
Maine	1	1	100	0	0	1	100
Maryland	32	17	53	5	29	12	71
Massachusetts	37	11	30	1	9	10	91
Michigan	65	37	57	10	27	27	73
Minnesota	49	20	41	12	60	8	40
Mississippi	82	38	46	25	66	13	34
Missouri	55	4	7	0	0	4	100
Montana	18	9	50	6	67	3	33
Nebraska	17	16	94	8	50	8	50
Nevada	25	21	84	4	19	17	81
New Hampshire	1	1	100	0	0	1	100
New Jersey	17	6	35	0	0	6	100
New Mexico	31	11	35	4	36	7	64
New York	110	50	45	19	38	31	62
North Carolina	90	15	17	15	100	0	0
North Dakota	5	3	60	2	67	1	33
Oklahoma	35	12	34	5	42	7	58
Pennsylvania	73	35	48	14	40	21	60
Puerto Rico	6	3	50	0	0	3	100
Rhode Island	5	0	0	0	--	0	--
South Carolina	26	3	12	2	67	1	33
South Dakota	12	4	33	3	75	1	25
Tennessee	62	29	47	29	100	0	0
Texas	180	134	74	49	37	85	63
Vermont	2	0	0	0	--	0	--
Virginia	173	52	30	14	27	38	73
Washington	57	12	21	9	75	3	25
West Virginia	24	16	67	6	38	10	63
Wisconsin	35	3	9	0	0	3	100
Wyoming	7	0	0	0	--	0	--
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	--	0	--
Guam	3	2	67	1	50	1	50
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0	--	0	--
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	--	0	--

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act Report* for School Year 2003–2004.

Note: Several states (Georgia, Ohio, Oregon and Utah) did not provide referral data broken out by modified and not modified; therefore, these states are excluded from the table. --The number and percentage are not shown here because the calculation generates a divide-by-zero error.

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

Table 9

Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state or outlying area and percentage of LEAs reporting an offense, by state or outlying area, 2003–04

State or outlying area ^a	Percent of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report	Percent of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	Percent of LEAs that reported an offense
Alabama	100	100	15
Alaska	100	100	13
Arizona	94	100	2
Arkansas	100	100	10
California	100	100	9
Colorado	100	100	6
Connecticut	100	100	2
Delaware	80	100	4
District of Columbia	100	100	3
Florida	100	100	33
Georgia	100	100	19
Hawaii	100	100	100
Idaho	100	100	8
Illinois	100	100	1
Indiana	100	100	7
Iowa	100	100	1
Kansas	100	100	0.06
Kentucky	100	100	55
Louisiana	100	100	26
Maine	100	100	0.5
Maryland	100	100	46
Massachusetts	100	100	7
Michigan	100	100	4
Minnesota	100	100	9
Mississippi	100	100	35
Missouri	100	100	7
Montana	100	100	2
Nebraska	100	100	^b
Nevada	100	100	23
New Hampshire	100	100	1
New Jersey	100	100	2
New Mexico	100	100	18
New York	100	100	9
North Carolina	100	100	20
North Dakota	100	98	2.3
Ohio	100	100	4
Oklahoma	100	100	5
Oregon	86	92	11
Pennsylvania	100	100	7
Puerto Rico	92	92	^b
Rhode Island	100	100	10
South Carolina	100	100	19
South Dakota	100	100	5
Tennessee	100	100	13
Texas	99.6	100	7
Utah	100	100	68
Vermont	100	100	3
Virginia	100	MD	38
Washington	100	100	17
West Virginia	100	100	22
Wisconsin	100	100	4
Wyoming	100	MD	8
American Samoa	100	100	0
Guam	100	100	8
Northern Mariana Is.	100	100	0
Virgin Islands	100	100	0

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, OMB No.1865-0002: *Gun-Free Schools Act* Report for School Year 2003–2004.

Note: Several states or outlying areas (Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Is. and the Virgin Islands) are considered a single LEA/SEA. MD = Missing data, LEA = local education agency, GFSA = *Gun-Free Schools Act*

^aData are for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas.

^bLess than .05 percent.

STATE AND OUTLYING AREA PROFILES

The following profiles consist of a summary of 2003–04 information on student expulsions by various categories submitted by the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and outlying areas at the request of the U.S. Department of Education. The data collection form, from which these profiles were developed, is located in Appendix B of this report. Questions 5 and 6 are not included in this section because they are compliance-related questions on which the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools follows up. The tables in the previous section were compiled from these singular state profiles.

Alabama

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	4	0	1	5
Junior High	15	0	5	20
Senior High	21	7	9	37
Total	40	7	15	62

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	35	56
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	27	44
	Total	62	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	13	37
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	13	21

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	10	29
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	25	71
	Total	35	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	15

Alabama (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

Data is self-reported and collected at the local school level. Statewide, several hundred individuals perform this task, and human error is possible as a result. However, for *GFSA* data reported here personal contact with appropriate LEAs does ensure, in our opinion, the validity of the data as reported.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	53	62
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		9
Percentage Change		17

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 10b. Specific funds are not provided for *GFSA*, but state funds do support the alternative education programs in the state.

Alaska

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	4	4
Senior High	1	2	6	9
Total	1	2	10	13

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	13	100
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	0
	Total	13	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	8
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	12	92
	Total	13	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	13

Alaska (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

1. Some districts do not report specific type of firearms involved.
2. High staff turnover in smaller districts makes the reporting of accurate numbers challenging.
3. In spite of assurances it is unclear that all schools are taking the necessary steps to actually expel students who bring firearms to school for a full year before examining the circumstances and considering modifications.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	12	13
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		1
Percentage Change		8

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Arizona

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	5	6
Junior High	7	0	7	14
Senior High	28	4	4	36
Total	36	4	16	56

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	17	30
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	39	70
	Total	56	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	18	106
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	38	97
	Total	56	100

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	4	24
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	13	76
	Total	17	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	94
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	2

Arizona (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	105	56
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-49
Percentage Change		-47

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 3a. The number in this question does not match the number of modified expulsions in Question 2a because the LEA that reported counted referrals to alternative schools the same as expulsions.

Arkansas

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	0	2
Junior High	1	0	0	1
Senior High	5	5	0	10
Total	8	5	0	13

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	4	31
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	9	69
	Total	13	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	11
	Total	1	8

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	4	100
	Total	4	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	10

Arkansas (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	97	13
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-84
Percentage Change		-87

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

California

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	15	1	0	16
Junior High	31	0	14	45
Senior High	68	10	12	90
Total	114	11	26	151

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	17	11
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	134	89
	Total	151	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	12	71
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	124	93
	Total	136	90

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	6
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	16	94
	Total	17	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	9

California (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	96	151
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		55
Percentage Change		57

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Colorado

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	2	0	0	2
Senior High	10	2	10	22
Total	12	2	10	24

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	13	54
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	14	58
	Total	27	112

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	4	31
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	7	50
	Total	11	46

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	9	69
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	4	31
	Total	13	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	6

Colorado (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

It is important to emphasize that, when reporting expulsions and number of students involved in incidents, it should not be confused with the number of guns brought to school. More than one student may be expelled from one firearm incident.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	36	24
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-12
Percentage Change		-33

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 2. Five students were involved in one incident at the middle school level, involving two handguns. Therefore, the number of students who were found to have brought to school or possessed a firearm at school in Question 1 does not match the number of expulsions in Question 2.

Questions 10b. Funds are provided on a competitive grant basis. A school must offer to parents alternative services available. It is up to students and parents to accept them. If a parent chooses to home school the student, the school must assist them.

Connecticut

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	4	0	0	4
Senior High	2	0	1	3
Total	6	0	1	7

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	2	29
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	5	71
	Total	7	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	2	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	5	100
	Total	7	100

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	50
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	1	50
	Total	2	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	2

Connecticut (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

The Connecticut State Department of Education collects all weapon offenses that occur both on and off school property regardless of whether the offense resulted in an in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension and expulsion. When reporting offenses, the schools must select from a list of options that include: knife with a 2 1/2"+ blade, handgun, rifle/shotgun, explosive device, other guns, and other potentially dangerous weapons. The "other gun" category includes other guns such as pellet gun, paintball gun and air gun. The "other potentially dangerous weapon" category includes all other weapons such as martial arts, scissors, razor blades, etc. To meet the reporting requirements of the *Gun-Free Schools Act*, only weapon offenses resulting in an expulsion involving a handgun, rifle/shotgun, and other firearm on school property or at a school-sponsored event were reported.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	8	7
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-1
Percentage Change		-12

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

The state of Connecticut reported that seven students were involved in such weapon offenses during the 2003-04 school year. These offenses occurred on school property and were confirmed with the school administrator prior to completing this report. Five students served expulsions for an entire school year; for the other two students, one served an expulsion of less than 180 days and the other a suspension for 10 days and then was placed in a structured alternative school program.

Delaware

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	2	0	0	2
Total	2	0	0	2

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	0
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	2	100
	Total	2	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	80
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	4

Delaware (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	4	2
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-2
Percentage Change		-50

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

District of Columbia

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	3	0	0	3
Total	3	0	0	3

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	0
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	100
	Total	3	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	3	100
	Total	3	100

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	3

District of Columbia (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

In the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) all schools must report any student bringing or possessing a firearm to local police authorities. The DCPS SEA/LEA receives the *GFSA* data for all of its schools (167) directly from the District of Columbia police department.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	1	3
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		2
Percentage Change		200

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Florida

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	4	0	2	6
Junior High	11	0	0	11
Senior High	40	5	1	46
Total	55	5	3	63

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	17	27
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	42	67
	Total	59	94

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	7	41
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	21	50
	Total	28	44

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	12
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	15	88
	Total	17	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	33

Florida (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

All 67 school districts, four university lab schools, and the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind reported.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	54	63
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		9
Percentage Change		17

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Georgia

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	11	2	Data missing.	13
Junior High	33	1	Data missing.	34
Senior High	32	17	Data missing.	49
Total	76	20	Data missing.	96

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	Data missing.	
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	Data missing.	
	Total	96	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	Data missing.	
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	Data missing.	
	Total	Data missing.	

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	Data missing.	
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	Data missing.	
	Total	Data missing.	

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	19

Georgia (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	85	96
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		11
Percentage Change		13

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

The data that are missing are not collected through the annual electronic data collection process.

Hawaii

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	5	0	1	6
Senior High	1	0	2	3
Total	6	0	3	9

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	6	67
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	33
	Total	9	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	33
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	4	67
	Total	6	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	100

Hawaii (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	2	9
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		7
Percentage Change		350

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Hawaii only has one school district. The LEA and SEA are the same.

Idaho

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	0	1
Junior High	0	0	1	1
Senior High	4	5	0	9
Total	5	5	1	11

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	8	73
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	27
	Total	11	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	5	62
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	5	45

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	25
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	6	75
	Total	8	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	8

Idaho (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	7	11
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		4
Percentage Change		57

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Illinois

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	8	0	0	8
Junior High	8	0	0	8
Senior High	20	1	0	21
Total	36	1	0	37

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	3	8
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	34	92
	Total	37	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	1	33
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	20	59
	Total	21	57

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	3	100
	Total	3	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	1

Illinois (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	46	37
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-9
Percentage Change		-20

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Indiana

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	0	0	3
Junior High	7	0	2	9
Senior High	11	3	4	18
Total	21	3	6	30

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	24	80
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	6	20
	Total	30	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	3	12
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	2	33
	Total	5	17

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	4	17
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	20	83
	Total	24	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	7

Indiana (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	26	30
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		4
Percentage Change		15

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Iowa

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	1	0	0	1
Senior High	3	1	0	4
Total	4	1	0	5

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	2	40
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	60
	Total	5	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	2	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	2	67
	Total	4	80

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	50
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	1	50
	Total	2	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	1

Iowa (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	9	5
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-4
Percentage Change		-44

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 10a. This applies only to special education students.

Kansas

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	0	2
Junior High	0	0	2	2
Senior High	5	5	3	13
Total	7	5	5	17

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	12	71
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	5	29
	Total	17	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	6	50
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	6	35

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	6	50
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	6	50
	Total	12	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	Less than .05

Kansas (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	28	17
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-11
Percentage Change		-39

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Kentucky

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	3	5
Junior High	4	1	2	7
Senior High	20	1	7	28
Total	26	2	12	40

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	0
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	40	100
	Total	40	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	2
	Total	1	2

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	55

Kentucky (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	52	40
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-12
Percentage Change		-23

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Louisiana

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	7	0	3	10
Junior High	9	0	0	9
Senior High	9	0	2	11
Total	25	0	5	30

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	8	27
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	22	73
	Total	30	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	5	62
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	13	59
	Total	18	60

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	4	50
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	4	50
	Total	8	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	26

Louisiana (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	58	30
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-28
Percentage Change		-48

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Maine

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	1	0	0	1
Total	1	0	0	1

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	0
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	0

Maine (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	2	1
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-1
Percentage Change		-50

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Maryland

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	0	1
Junior High	6	0	0	6
Senior High	22	3	0	25
Total	29	3	0	32

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	9	28
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	23	72
	Total	32	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	5	56
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	12	52
	Total	17	53

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	22
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	7	78
	Total	9	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	46

Maryland (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	Yes, our state law has changed in the past 12 months.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	27	32
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		5
Percentage Change		19

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 10a. The state provided a copy of the revised statute.

Massachusetts

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	3	5
Junior High	7	0	9	16
Senior High	10	0	6	16
Total	19	0	18	37

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	1	3
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	36	97
	Total	37	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	1	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	10	28
	Total	11	30

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	7

Massachusetts (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	28	37
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		9
Percentage Change		32

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Michigan

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	2	0	3
Junior High	16	7	0	23
Senior High	22	15	2	39
Total	39	24	2	65

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	18	28
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	47	72
	Total	65	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	10	56
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	27	57
	Total	37	57

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	11
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	16	89
	Total	18	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	4

Michigan (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	37	65
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		28
Percentage Change		76

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Minnesota

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	2	1	6
Junior High	2	0	0	2
Senior High	20	14	7	41
Total	25	16	8	49

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	41	84
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	8	16
	Total	49	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	12	29
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	8	100
	Total	20	41

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	5	12
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	36	88
	Total	41	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	9

Minnesota (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

Minnesota collects gun incidents through two databases—the Expulsions Database and the Dangerous Weapons Disciplinary Incident Database. The same incidents may show up in both of these databases, thus the datasets are cleaned before submission of this report.

The Expulsions Database only collects data about whether the weapon was a "gun" (handgun, rifle/shotgun) or a BB/pellet/replica weapon.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	15	49
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		34
Percentage Change		227

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 1. The data in the "other firearms" category may include handguns or rifles/shotguns. For the eight expulsions in this category, it was recorded that a "gun" was involved, but the specifics of whether it was a handgun or rifle/shotgun were not indicated.

Question 3a. Minnesota statute requires alternative placement only when an out-of-school suspension is more than five days. Nine incidents resulted in students being transferred and are not included in the alternative count.

Questions 7a-7c. All of the LEAs are required to submit incidents to the state's Expulsions Database and the Dangerous Weapons Disciplinary Incident Database. The SEA uses these databases as data collection tools for this report. LEAs do not complete a *GFSA* report separately from submission of data to these two databases.

Mississippi

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	7	0	14	21
Junior High	13	0	16	29
Senior High	15	2	15	32
Total	35	2	45	82

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	49	60
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	33	40
	Total	82	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	25	51
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	13	39
	Total	38	46

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	18	37
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	31	63
	Total	49	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	35

Mississippi (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	70	82
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		12
Percentage Change		17

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Missouri

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	5	6
Junior High	10	0	3	13
Senior High	20	10	6	36
Total	31	10	14	55

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	1	2
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	54	98
	Total	55	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	4	7
	Total	4	7

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	7

Missouri (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	62	55
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-7
Percentage Change		-11

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Montana

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	0	1	4
Junior High	0	0	1	1
Senior High	4	4	5	13
Total	7	4	7	18

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	14	78
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	4	22
	Total	18	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	6	43
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	3	75
	Total	9	50

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	6	43
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	8	57
	Total	14	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	2

Montana (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	20	18
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-2
Percentage Change		-10

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Nebraska

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	0	1
Junior High	2	0	5	7
Senior High	4	5	0	9
Total	7	5	5	17

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	8	47
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	9	53
	Total	17	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	8	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	8	89
	Total	16	94

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	12
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	7	88
	Total	8	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	Less than .05

Nebraska (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	10	17
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		7
Percentage Change		70

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Questions 3b. One student went to prison and was not placed in a regular alternate school placement program.

Nevada

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	0	0	3
Junior High	4	0	0	4
Senior High	16	2	0	18
Total	23	2	0	25

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	7	28
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	18	72
	Total	25	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	4	57
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	17	94
	Total	21	84

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	14
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	6	86
	Total	7	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	23

Nevada (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	35	25
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-10
Percentage Change		-29

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

New Hampshire

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	1	0	0	1
Total	1	0	0	1

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	0
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	1

New Hampshire (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	3	1
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-2
Percentage Change		-67

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

New Jersey

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	0	1
Junior High	7	0	1	8
Senior High	8	0	0	8
Total	16	0	1	17

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	2	12
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	15	88
	Total	17	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	6	40
	Total	6	35

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	2	100
	Total	2	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	2

New Jersey (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	11	17
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		6
Percentage Change		55

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

New Mexico

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	4	4
Junior High	6	0	4	10
Senior High	11	3	3	17
Total	17	3	11	31

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	4	13
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	27	87
	Total	31	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	4	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	7	26
	Total	11	35

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	4	100
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	0
	Total	4	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	18

New Mexico (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	28	31
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		3
Percentage Change		11

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

New York

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	6	1	14	21
Junior High	10	0	12	22
Senior High	31	5	31	67
Total	47	6	57	110

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	68	62
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	40	36
	Total	108	98

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	19	28
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	31	78
	Total	50	45

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	17	25
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	51	75
	Total	68	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	9

New York (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	79	110
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		31
Percentage Change		39

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

New York uses the term suspension instead of expulsion.

Question 2. In two cases suspension data was not reported. One incident involved a student not enrolled in the school and the second was an incident that occurred in front of the building but did not result in a recorded suspension.

North Carolina

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	10	0	4	14
Junior High	17	3	6	26
Senior High	36	9	5	50
Total	63	12	15	90

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	90	100
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	0
	Total	90	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	15	17
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	15	17

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	28	31
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	60	67
	Total	88	98

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	20

North Carolina (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	69	90
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		21
Percentage Change		30

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 4. The disability status of two students is unknown.

North Dakota

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	1	0	1	2
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	0	2	1	3
Total	1	2	2	5

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	2	40
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	60
	Total	5	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	2	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	33
	Total	3	60

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	2	100
	Total	2	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	98
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	2

North Dakota (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	2	5
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		3
Percentage Change		150

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Ohio

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	Data missing.	Data missing.	Data missing.	7
Junior High	Data missing.	Data missing.	Data missing.	17
Senior High	Data missing.	Data missing.	Data missing.	18
Total	Data missing.	Data missing.	Data missing.	42

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	36	86
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	6	14
	Total	42	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	Data missing.	
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	Data missing.	
	Total	Data missing.	

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	8	22
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	28	78
	Total	36	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	4

Ohio (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	65	42
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-23
Percentage Change		-35

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 1. The Ohio Department of Education reports on the number of incidents, not students in this report. Figures include all firearms. The state does not break out by type of firearm. Schools often list violations of look-alike guns in the gun category. The 2005-06 data collection definitions provide a category for "look-alikes."

Oklahoma

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	12	12
Junior High	2	3	5	10
Senior High	1	5	7	13
Total	3	8	24	35

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	22	63
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	13	37
	Total	35	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	5	23
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	7	54
	Total	12	34

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	9
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	20	91
	Total	22	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	5

Oklahoma (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	33	35
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		2
Percentage Change		6

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Oregon

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	4	0	5	9
Junior High	4	0	6	10
Senior High	6	2	8	16
Total	14	2	19	35

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	6	17
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	29	83
	Total	35	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	Data missing.	
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	Data missing.	
	Total	12	34

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	Data missing.	
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	Data missing.	
	Total	Data missing.	

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	86
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	92
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	11

Oregon (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	29	35
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		6
Percentage Change		21

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

For the 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years, data were collected at the school level only. From 2004-05 on, suspension, expulsion, and truancy data will be collected at the student level using a unique student ID assuring quality data. The 2004-05 data are currently in the process of being verified by districts across the state previous to public release of this information as a component of the district and school report cards.

Pennsylvania

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	5	0	7	12
Junior High	21	0	15	36
Senior High	15	5	5	25
Total	41	5	27	73

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	30	41
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	43	59
	Total	73	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	14	47
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	21	49
	Total	35	48

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	9	30
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	21	70
	Total	30	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	7

Pennsylvania (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	45	73
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		28
Percentage Change		62

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Puerto Rico

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	1	0	0	1
Senior High	3	0	2	5
Total	4	0	2	6

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	3	50
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	50
	Total	6	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	3	100
	Total	3	50

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	3	100
	Total	3	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	92
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	92
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	Less than .05

Puerto Rico (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	4	6
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		2
Percentage Change		50

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Rhode Island

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	2	0	0	2
Senior High	1	0	2	3
Total	3	0	2	5

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	5	100
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	0
	Total	5	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	5	100
	Total	5	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	10

Rhode Island (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	7	5
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-2
Percentage Change		-29

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

South Carolina

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	0	2
Junior High	3	0	0	3
Senior High	17	4	0	21
Total	22	4	0	26

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	5	19
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	21	81
	Total	26	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	2	40
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	5
	Total	3	12

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	20
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	4	80
	Total	5	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	19

South Carolina (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	27	26
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-1
Percentage Change		-4

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

South Dakota

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	2	0	0	2
Senior High	1	9	0	10
Total	3	9	0	12

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	9	75
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	3	25
	Total	12	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	3	33
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	33
	Total	4	33

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	22
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	7	78
	Total	9	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	5

South Dakota (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	9	12
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		3
Percentage Change		33

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Tennessee

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	0	0	3
Junior High	15	0	3	18
Senior High	38	0	3	41
Total	56	0	6	62

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	51	82
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	11	18
	Total	62	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	29	57
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	29	47

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	12	24
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	39	76
	Total	51	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	12

Tennessee (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	74	62
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-12
Percentage Change		-16

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Texas

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	8	0	3	11
Junior High	41	0	7	48
Senior High	80	32	9	121
Total	129	32	19	180

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	58	32
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	122	68
	Total	180	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	49	84
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	85	70
	Total	134	74

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	2	3
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	56	97
	Total	58	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	7

Texas (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	Data missing.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	175	180
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		5
Percentage Change		3

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 10a. Texas state law requires expelled students to be placed in an alternative setting for all students 10 years of age or younger, for students over 10 that have been expelled for a mandatory offense, and for the 26 mandatory Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) counties as required by Texas Education Code (TEC) 37.011.

Utah

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	1	6	10
Junior High	9	0	19	28
Senior High	18	4	24	46
Total	30	5	49	84

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	66	79
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	12	14
	Total	84	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	Data missing.	
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	Data missing.	
	Total	30	36

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	16	24
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	50	76
	Total	66	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	68

Utah (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	56	84
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		28
Percentage Change		50

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Questions 3a and 3b. Utah did not collect the data in this format during the 2003-04 school year.

Question 10b. LEAs can use funds to do so, but the law does not specifically provide funds for this purpose.

Vermont

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	1	1	0	2
Total	1	1	0	2

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	1	50
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	1	50
	Total	2	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	0
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	1	100
	Total	1	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	3

Vermont (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	2	2
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		0
Percentage Change		0

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Virginia

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	3	0	27	30
Junior High	17	1	52	70
Senior High	21	1	51	73
Total	41	2	130	173

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	110	64
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	63	36
	Total	173	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	14	13
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	38	60
	Total	52	30

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	35	32
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	75	68
	Total	110	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	Data missing.
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	38

Virginia (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

The state believes some of the "Other Firearms" data are elevated. Although BB guns are specifically excluded under the *GFSA* reporting requirements, the current data collection process in Virginia does not include a separate reporting category that would allow them to specifically identify how the BB guns are being reported by individual school divisions. Also, because of action by the 2003 Virginia General Assembly, it is believed that many school divisions are incorrectly reporting the BB guns in the "Other Firearms" category. This issue has been addressed and a new code has been included for the 2004-05 reporting year.

Question 9. *GFSA*- related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	197	173
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-24
Percentage Change		-12

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 1 Note A. A student was armed with a fully loaded scoped, 30-60 rifle. The same student brought the following two additional weapons into the school and left them in a nearby restroom for easy access: Harrington and Richardson Topper J2 model 490 gauge single-shot shotgun and a Marlin Firearms Glenfield model 25, .22 cal., bolt action rifle with scope and magazine.

Question 1 Note B. The student involved had two separate infractions. On April 27, 2004, he created a "Bottle Bomb" which he discharged in a school restroom. On April 28, 2004, a second infraction occurred which was prior to learning the identity of the student responsible.

Question 10b. While no state funds have been designated specifically for those students who have been expelled under *GFSA*, state funds are provided to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings. These services are available for all students that are served by alternative programs.

Washington

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	5	7
Junior High	11	0	4	15
Senior High	17	5	13	35
Total	30	5	22	57

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	20	35
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	37	65
	Total	57	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	9	45
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	3	8
	Total	12	21

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	10	50
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	10	50
	Total	20	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	17

Washington (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	100	57
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-43
Percentage Change		-43

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

West Virginia

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	2	0	1	3
Junior High	5	0	3	8
Senior High	3	3	7	13
Total	10	3	11	24

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	13	54
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	11	46
	Total	24	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	6	46
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	10	91
	Total	16	67

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	8
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	12	92
	Total	13	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	22

West Virginia (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	8	24
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		16
Percentage Change		200

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 3b. One student withdrew from school.

Wisconsin

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	5	0	8	13
Senior High	7	7	8	22
Total	12	7	16	35

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	6	17
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	29	83
	Total	35	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	3	10
	Total	3	9

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	17
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	5	83
	Total	6	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	4

Wisconsin (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	22	35
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		13
Percentage Change		59

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

None.

Wyoming

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	1	1
Senior High	0	2	4	6
Total	0	2	5	7

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	6	86
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	1	14
	Total	7	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	0
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	0
	Total	0	0

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	17
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	5	83
	Total	6	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	Data missing.
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	8

Wyoming (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. *GFSA*-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	6	7
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		1
Percentage Change		17

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Question 1a. Only one incident involved more than one firearm: a blow gun, a BB gun, and a set of numchucks were found in the youth's vehicle. That youth has since been expelled and is no longer at that school.

Question 7b. This is considered a local control issue and is therefore not tracked by the state of Wyoming.

American Samoa

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	--
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	100

American Samoa (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	0	0
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		0
Percentage Change		0

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

American Samoa only has one school district. The LEA and SEA are the same.

Guam

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	0	0	3	3
Total	0	0	3	3

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	1	33
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	2	67
	Total	3	100

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	1	100
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	1	50
	Total	2	67

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	1	100
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	0
	Total	1	100

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	8

Guam (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	Yes, our state law has changed in the past 12 months.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	Yes.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	2	3
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		1
Percentage Change		50

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Guam only has one school district. The LEA and SEA are the same.

Question 9. Guam provided a copy of the revised statute.

Northern Mariana Islands

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	--
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	0

Northern Mariana Islands (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	0	0
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		0
Percentage Change		0

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

Northern Mariana Islands only has one school district. The LEA and SEA are the same.

U.S. Virgin Islands

2003–04 Data

Question 1. Firearms Incidents

1a. Number of students who were found to have brought or possessed a firearm in school

School Level	Handguns	Rifles or Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary	0	0	0	0
Junior High	0	0	0	0
Senior High	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Question 2. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
2a.	Number of expulsions modified	0	--
2b.	Number of expulsions not modified	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 3. Alternative Placements

		Number	Percentage
3a.	Number of alternative placements among students with modified expulsions	0	--
3b.	Number of alternative placements among students with non-modified expulsions	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 4. Modified Expulsions

		Number	Percentage
4a.	Number of modified expulsions for disabled students	0	--
4b.	Number of modified expulsions for nondisabled students	0	--
	Total	0	--

Question 7. GFSA Submission

		Percentage
7a.	Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the state	100
7b.	Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs	100
7c.	Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense	0

U.S. Virgin Islands (continued)

Question 8. Data Quality

Information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted.

None.

Question 9. GFSA-related State Law

		Response
9.	Has your state law related to the <i>GFSA</i> changed in the past 12 months?	No.

Question 10. Alternative Settings

		Response
10a.	How does your state law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?	State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.
10b.	Are any state funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the <i>GFSA</i> ?	No.

Year-to-Year Data Comparison—2002-03 to 2003-04

Data	2002-03	2003-04
Total number of expulsions	5	0
Change (2002-03 to 2003-04)		-5
Percentage Change		0

Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument

U.S. Virgin Islands only has one school district. The LEA and SEA are the same.

Appendix A

The Amended *Gun-Free Schools Act*

SEC. 4141. GUN-FREE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE- This subpart may be cited as the Gun-Free Schools Act.

(b) REQUIREMENTS-

(1) IN GENERAL- Each State receiving Federal funds under any title of this Act shall have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than 1 year a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to a school, or to have possessed a firearm at a school, under the jurisdiction of local educational agencies in that State, except that such State law shall allow the chief administering officer of a local educational agency to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis if such modification is in writing.

(2) CONSTRUCTION- Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to prevent a State from allowing a local educational agency that has expelled a student from such a student's regular school setting from providing educational services to such student in an alternative setting.

(3) DEFINITION- For the purpose of this section, the term 'firearm' has the same meaning given such term in section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

(c) SPECIAL RULE- The provisions of this section shall be construed in a manner consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(d) REPORT TO STATE- Each local educational agency requesting assistance from the State educational agency that is to be provided from funds made available to the State under any title of this Act shall provide to the State, in the application requesting such assistance -

(1) an assurance that such local educational agency is in compliance with the State law required by subsection (b); and

(2) a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under the State law required by subsection (b), including -

(A) the name of the school concerned;

(B) the number of students expelled from such school; and

(C) the type of firearms concerned.

(e) REPORTING- Each State shall report the information described in subsection (d) to the Secretary on an annual basis.

(f) DEFINITION- For the purpose of subsection (d), the term 'school' means any setting that is under the control and supervision of the local educational agency for the purpose of student activities approved and authorized by the local educational agency.

(g) EXCEPTION- Nothing in this section shall apply to a firearm that is lawfully stored inside a locked vehicle on school property, or if it is for activities approved and authorized by the local educational agency and the local educational agency adopts appropriate safeguards to ensure student safety.

(h) POLICY REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFERRAL-

(1) IN GENERAL- No funds shall be made available under any title of this Act to any local educational agency unless such agency has a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school served by such agency.

(2) DEFINITION- For the purpose of this subsection, the term 'firearm' and 'school' has the same meaning given to such term by section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

Appendix B

2003–04 *GFSA* Data Collection Instrument for States, The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Outlying Areas

GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA), Part A, Subpart 3, under Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7151) requires that each State have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies (LEAs) to expel from school for a period of not less than one year a student found to have brought a firearm to school, or to have possessed a firearm at school. In addition, under the GFSA, LEAs receiving ESEA funds must adopt a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm to school or possesses a firearm at school.

Each State's law also must allow the chief administering officer of the LEA to modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, in writing. The GFSA also states that nothing in the GFSA shall be construed to prevent a State from allowing a local educational agency that has expelled a student from such student's regular school setting from providing educational services to that student in an alternative setting.

The GFSA also requires States to provide annual reports to the Secretary of Education concerning implementation of the Act's requirements.

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FORM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GFSA.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT

1. The time period covered by this report is the 2003-2004 school year.
2. Please complete this entire form. If questions are left blank, we will not be able to interpret the results and will have to follow up with a phone call. If a response to a question is "0" or "none," be sure to enter "0" or "none." If information is not available, please indicate by using the following abbreviation: MD = Missing Data
3. Please retain a copy of the completed form for your files so that you will have a copy on hand to refer to if we have questions about your responses.
4. **Please complete the attached form and mail no later than January 31, 2005 to:**
Westat
1650 Research Boulevard, Room RA 1245
Rockville, MD 20850

If questions arise about completing any of the items on the attached form, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools at (202) 260-3954 for clarification.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

LEA	local educational agency
GFSA	Gun-Free Schools Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
Elementary school	A school classified as elementary by state and local practice and composed of any span of grades not above Grade 6. Combined elementary/junior high schools are considered junior high schools and combined elementary and secondary schools (e.g., K-12 buildings) are classified as high schools for this report.
Junior high school	A separately organized and administered school intermediate between elementary and senior high schools, which might also be called a middle school, usually includes Grades 7, 8, and 9; Grade 7 and 8; or Grades 6, 7, and 8. Combined elementary/junior high schools are considered junior high schools for this report; junior/senior high school combinations are defined as senior high schools.
Senior high school	A school offering the final years of school work necessary for graduation, usually including Grades 10, 11, and 12; or Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Combined junior and senior high schools are classified as high schools for this form; combined elementary and secondary schools (e.g., K-12 buildings) are classified as high schools.
Other firearms	<p>Firearms other than handguns, rifles or shotguns as defined in 18 USC 921. According to Section 921, the following are included within the definition: (Note: This definition does not apply to items such as toy guns, cap guns, bb guns, and pellet guns)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of any explosive; -- the frame or receiver of any weapon described above; -- any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; -- any destructive device, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1). Bomb; (2). Grenade, (3). Rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, (4). Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, (5). Mine, or (6). Similar device (b) any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter (c) any combination or parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

1. FIREARMS INCIDENTS

- a. Please indicate the number of students in your State who were found to have brought a firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school. Include all infractions in your answer.

School Level	Handguns	Rifles/Shotguns	Other Firearms	Total
Elementary School				
Junior High School				
Senior High School				
Total				

Notes: Any student found to have brought a firearm (meeting the definition at 18 U.S.C. 921) to school or possessed a firearm at school should be reported as an infraction, even if the expulsion is shortened or no penalty is imposed. Any incidents in which a student covered by the provisions of IDEA brought a firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school should also be included, even if it is determined that the incident is a manifestation of the student's disability. Modifications of the one-year expulsion requirement should also be reported in Question 2 of this report.

If a single student is found to have brought or possessed more than one firearm, report the student as a single incident. A note that explains the circumstances surrounding the incident, including the types of firearms that were removed from the student should be described in the data caveat section of this report.

If the same student is involved in more than one incident that involves bringing or possessing a firearm, each incident would be counted as one incident. A note explaining the circumstances surrounding the incident, including information about the disposition of that student, should be described in the data caveat section of this report.

2. MODIFIED EXPULSIONS

How many of the incidences reported in Item 1 were shortened to a term of less than one year by the chief administering officer of an LEA under the case-by-case modification provisions of Section 4141(b)(1) of the GFSA?

	Number
a. Modified Expulsions:	
b. Expulsion Not Modified:	
Total:	

Note: The total figure shown in the table above should EQUAL the total number of expulsions reported in Item 1a.

3. ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS

How many of the incidences reported in Items 2a and Item 2b resulted in a referral of the student to an alternative school or program?

	Number of Alternative Placements
a. Among students with MODIFIED expulsions:	
b. Among students with expulsions NOT MODIFIED:	
Total:	

4. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

How many of the modifications reported in Item 2a were for students with and without disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA (see below)?

	Number of Modifications
a. Student Disabled:	
b. Student Not Disabled:	
Total:	

Notes: The total figure shown in the table above should EQUAL the total number of modified expulsions reported in Item 2a.

The GFSA explicitly states that the Act must be construed in a manner consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Compliance with the GFSA can be achieved consistent with the IDEA as long as discipline of such students is determined on a case-by-case basis under the GFSA provision that permits modification of the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. A student with a disability who brings a firearm to school, or possesses a firearm at school, may be removed from school for ten school days or less, and in accordance with State law, placed in an interim alternative educational setting that is determined by the student's individualized education program team, for up to 45 calendar days. If the student's parents initiate due process proceedings under the IDEA, the student must remain in that interim alternative educational setting during authorized review proceedings, unless the parents and school district can agree on a different placement. Before an expulsion can occur, the IDEA requires a determination by a group of persons knowledgeable about the student on whether the bringing of a firearm to school, or the possession of a firearm at school, was a manifestation of the student's disability. A student with a disability may be expelled only if this group of persons determines that the bringing of a firearm to school, or the possession of a firearm at school, was not a manifestation of the student's disability, and the school follows applicable IDEA procedural safeguards before the expulsion occurs. Under IDEA, students with disabilities who are expelled in accordance with these conditions must continue to receive educational services during the expulsion period. Under Section 602 (a)(1) of the IDEA, the term "children with disabilities" is defined as:

children --

(i) with mental retardation, hearing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments, including blindness, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities; and

(ii) who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services.

LEA COMPLIANCE WITH GFSA

5. List the name and address of each LEA that has not provided an assurance that it is in compliance with the State law that requires that a student who brings a firearm to school, or possesses a firearm at school, be expelled for one year. *(If all LEAs have provided the necessary assurance, please indicate "none" in response to this item.)*

(Attach a separate sheet if more space is required to list LEAs.)

6. List the name and address of each LEA that has not provided an assurance that it is in compliance with the requirement in Section 4141(h) that an LEA receiving ESEA funds have in place a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm to a school, or possesses a firearm at school. *(If all LEAs have provided the necessary assurance, please indicate "none" in response to this item.)*

(Attach a separate sheet if more space is required to list LEAs.)

7. a. Please indicate the percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the State in response to this annual data collection.

Percentage of LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the State:

%

- b. Of the LEAs that submitted a GFSA report, what proportion of schools in those districts provided GFSA data to their LEAs?

Percentage of schools that submitted GFSA data to their LEAs:

%

- c. Of those LEAs that submitted a GFSA report to the State, what percentage had reported one or more students for an offense under the GFSA related to firearms (as defined by Title 18 U.S.C.921)?

Percentage of LEAs that reported students for a firearm offense:

%

8. If applicable, please provide information that explains any circumstances affecting the quality of data submitted to us. What information can the State share with us that will help us to more accurately interpret the data submitted on this GFSA report form (e.g., fewer than 100% LEAs responded to the State; figures reported included all weapons, not only firearms)?

STATE COMPLIANCE WITH GFSA

9. Please indicate whether your State law related to GFSA has changed in the past 12 months.

- Yes, our State law has changed in the past 12 months. If "yes", please attach a brief description of the changes or provide a copy of the new/revised statute.
- No, our State law has not changed in the past 12 months.

10.a. How does your State law address the need for providing educational services in an alternative setting to students expelled from their regular school setting?

State law encourages LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.

State law requires LEAs to provide educational services to expelled students in an alternative setting.

State law does not address the need for educational services in an alternative setting.

b. Are any State funds used to support the implementation of educational services in alternative settings as it relates to students who have been expelled under the GFSA?

Yes, State funds are provided.

No, State funds are not provided



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