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## Introduction

The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) states that each state receiving federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must have a state law that requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) in the state to expel from school for at least one year any student found bringing a firearm to school. (See Appendix A for a copy of the GFSA.) State laws must also authorize the LEA chief administering officer to modify any such expulsion on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the GFSA states that it must be construed to be consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The GFSA requires states to report information about the implementation of the act annually to the Secretary of Education. In order to meet this requirement and to monitor compliance with the GFSA, the Department of Education (the Department) requires each state<sup>1</sup> to submit an annual report that provides:

- The number of students expelled (by type of firearm and school level),
- The number of expulsions that were modified on a case-by-case basis,
- The number of modified cases that were not for students with disabilities, and
- The number of expelled students who were referred to an alternative school or program.

Two additional items regarding specific LEA compliance with the GFSA were reported but are not included in this report.

## Data Collection and Verification

Westat, under contract to the Department, collected the data from each state department of education. In order to ensure that the data are reported accurately, the following procedures were followed:

- As each survey was received, it was reviewed for accuracy and entered into a database.
- In approximately 20 cases, Westat contacted the state to obtain a correction or clarification of the submitted data. For example, the data provider was contacted if the submitted forms were not internally consistent, if the rows and/or columns did not add to the printed totals, or if the 1997-98 data represented a large change from the data reported for 1996-97.
- Once Westat received all of the data, all states were contacted and asked to provide final data verification by fax.

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<sup>1</sup> For the remainder of this report, the term "states" refers to all 56 jurisdictions (states and territories) covered under the Gun-Free Schools Act.

## Organization of the Report

Following information on data interpretation and quality, this report is divided into three sections and summarizes the 1997-98 data submitted by the states. The first section is a brief summary of the overall findings. The second section presents a summary of the 1997-98 data in bulleted, graphic, and tabular form as well as a comparison between the 1997-98 and 1996-97 data. The tables in this section contain data notes that are critical to the correct interpretation of the data. The third section presents a page for each state. Each page contains the data submitted by the state, as well as any caveats or data notes accompanying the data. Finally, there are two appendices to the report – Appendix A contains a copy of the Gun-Free Schools Act and a copy of the 1997-98 GFSA state data collection instrument can be found in Appendix B.

## Data Quality and Interpretation of Findings

All of the information contained in this report should be interpreted with caution. First, as noted on the summary state tables and on the individual state pages, some states attached caveats and data notes to their data that should be considered 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. Second, some states submitted aggregate data that were not broken out by school level and/or type of weapon. The expulsions for these states are included in the overall summary totals but are not included in the figures by type of firearm or school level. This means that the total number of reported expulsions differs for each questionnaire item summarized in this report.

The 1997-98 information shown in this report represents a significant improvement over the data submitted by the states for 1996-97 or 1995-96. We expect that the quality of the data submitted under the GFSA will continue to improve, and the Department will work to assist the states in their data reporting to ensure this improvement.

Finally, this report is not designed to provide information to the reader regarding the rate at which students carry firearms to school. The data reported by the states concern disciplinary actions only.

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## Summary of Findings

- Overall, 56 states reported under the GFSA for the 1997-98 school year. These states reported that they expelled a total of 3,930 students from school for bringing a firearm<sup>2</sup> to school. However, not all states reported data for all of their districts, and some states reported total expulsions for all weapons, not just firearms. Therefore, the figures reported by some states may either over- or underestimate the actual expulsions under the GFSA. Refer to Table 1 for more detailed information regarding the over- and underestimates as well as other data caveats.
- Fifty-seven percent of the expulsions by school level were students in high school, 33 percent were in junior high, and 10 percent were in elementary school. These data were reported by school level in 53 states. (See Table 2)

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<sup>2</sup> See Appendices A and B for a detailed definition of firearm.

- Sixty-two percent of the expulsions reported by type of firearm were for bringing a handgun to school. Seven percent of these expulsions were for bringing a rifle or shotgun to school, and 31 percent were for some other type of firearm (such as bombs, grenades, or starter pistols). The data were reported by type of weapon by 52 states. (See Table 3)
- Forty-nine states reported on expulsions that were shortened to less than one year. In these states, 44 percent of expulsions were shortened to less than one year. (See Table 5)
- Forty-eight states reported on the disability status of students receiving shortened expulsions. In these states, 62 percent of shortened expulsions were for students who were not considered disabled. (See Table 6)
- In the 48 states reporting data on alternative placements, 43 percent of the expelled students in these states were referred to an alternative school or placement. (See Table 7)

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### Expulsions for Bringing a Firearm to School - Overview

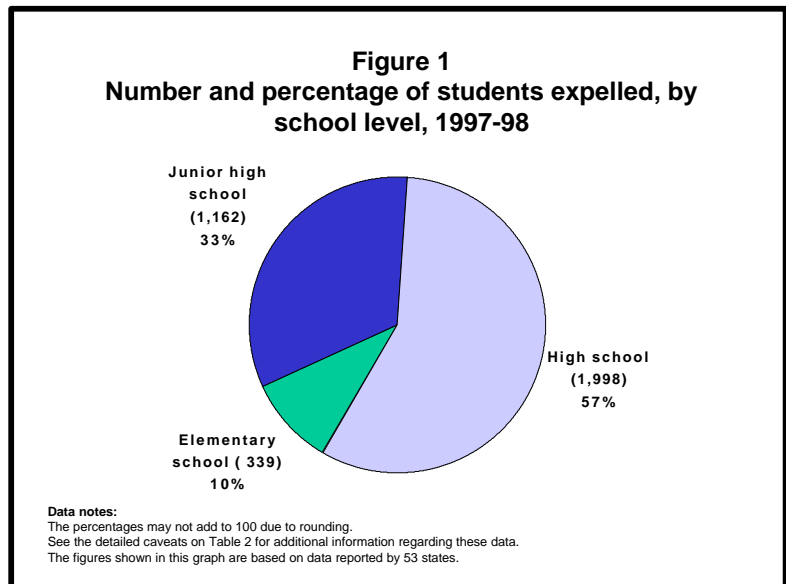
Overall, all 56 states provided data on the number of students expelled for bringing a firearm to school, for a total of 3,930 expulsions. California and Texas were the only states with greater than 300 expulsions, and Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Marianas reported that they had none during the 1997-98 school year. When viewed as the number of expulsions per 1,000 enrolled students, Delaware, Oregon, and South Dakota 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 the appropriate data caveats.

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### School Level

Fifty-three states provided data on their expulsions by school level. Almost 90 percent of all reported expulsions were reported by school level (3,499 of 3,930).

Of these 3,499 expulsions, over half (1,998 or 57 percent) were students in senior high schools, 33 percent (1,162) were students in junior high, and 10 percent (339) were elementary school students. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding (See Figure 1 and Table 2)

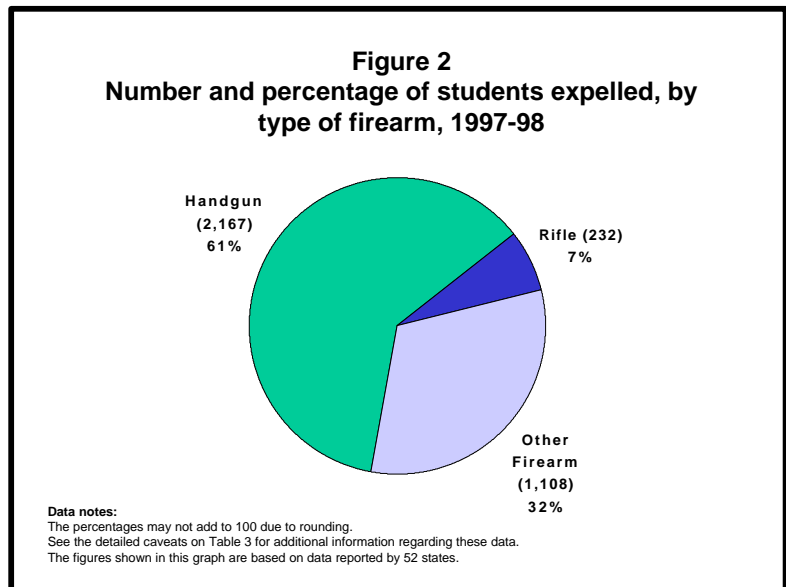


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## Type of Firearm

Fifty-two states provided data that differentiated the type of firearm brought to school by students. Almost 90 percent of all reported expulsions were reported by type of firearm (3,507 of 3,930).

Of these 3,507 expulsions, 62 percent (2,167) involved handguns, 7 percent (232) involved rifles or shotguns, and the remaining 32 percent (1,108) involved other types of firearms (such as bombs, grenades, starter pistols, and rockets). Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 2 and Table 3).



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## Year to Year Changes – 1996-97 to 1997-98

All but one state submitted data for both 1996-97 and 1997-98. However, in several of these states, the data are not comparable from across the two years primarily because of changes in reporting. In addition, two states, Colorado and North Carolina, revised the data they submitted for 1996-97. As a result, the total number of expulsions reported for 1996-97 differs from previously reported figures.

Among the 55 states which submitted data for both years, the number of students expelled for bringing a firearm to school decreased by 31 percent from 5,724 to 3,930. (See the notes on Table 4 for further information on year-to-year comparability for individual states.)

In discussions with the states, there are two major reasons for this decrease. First, many states indicated that the data reported for 1997-98 were more accurate. In six states (Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, and Utah), the data submitted prior to 1997-98 included all school crime incidents and/or expulsions for all weapons, rather than just firearms. These reporting irregularities resulted in an overstatement of the number of expulsions under the GFSA for 1996-97. Second, several states reported that they felt that students were getting the message that they were not to bring firearms to school and that, as a result, fewer students were expelled for this offense. See Table 4 for state-by-state information. Pay particular attention to the data caveats that provide additional information regarding changes from 1996-97 to 1997-98.

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## Shortened Expulsions and Students with Disabilities

The GFSA allows the LEA chief administering officer to modify any expulsion for firearm violations on a case-by-case basis (for example, by shortening the expulsion to less than one year). The 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 the IDEA and GFSA

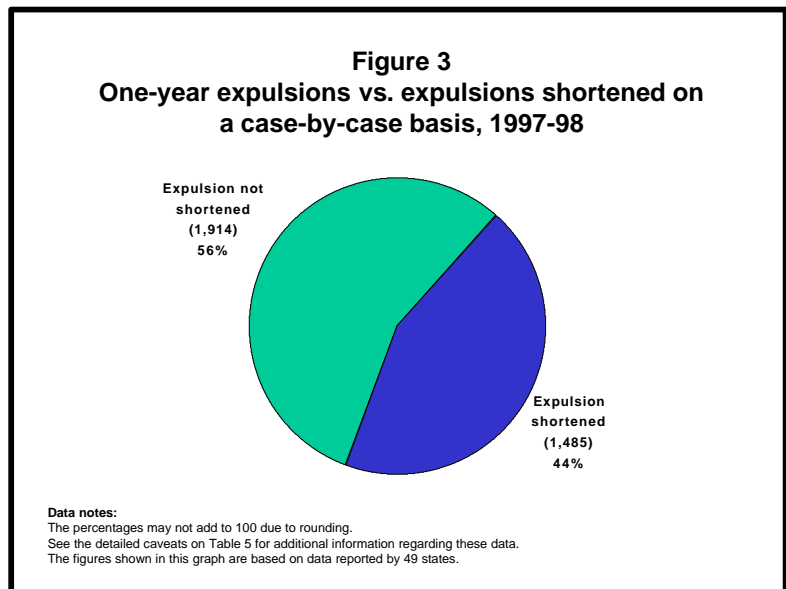


requirements are implemented consistently. In order to capture these modifications, states were asked to report the number of students who had their period of expulsion shortened, as well as the number of these cases that were not for students with disabilities.

### **Shortened Expulsions**

**F**orty-nine states reported the number of students whose expulsions were shortened to less than one year as part of the case-by-case review process.

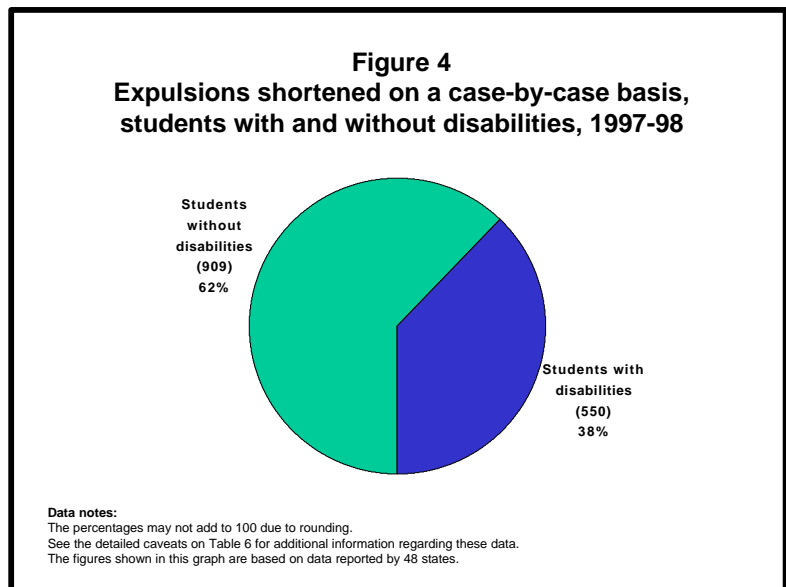
Of the 3,399 expulsions in these states, 1,485 (or 44 percent) were shortened to less than one year. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 3 and Table 5)



### **Disability Status of Students with Shortened Expulsions**

**F**orty-eight states reported on the disability status of the students with shortened expulsions. Among these 48 states, the overall number of shortened expulsions was 1,459 (compared to 1,485 for the 49 states shown on Table 5).

Of these 1,459 students, 909 (62 percent) were not considered disabled under section 602(a)(1) of IDEA. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 4 and Table 6)

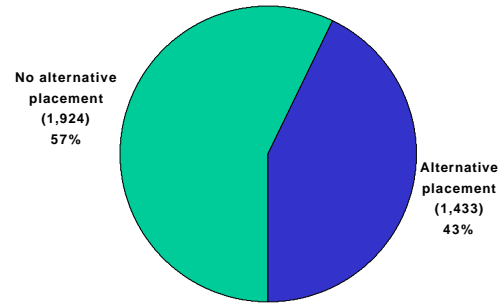


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## Referrals

The GFSA has in place provisions that allow local officials to refer expelled students to an alternative school or program. Forty-eight states reported information for this data item, and among these states 1,433 students (43 percent) were referred for an alternative placement. Note that the percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. (See Figure 5 and Table 7)

**Figure 5**  
**Expulsions referred to an alternative placement, 1997-98**



**Data notes:**  
The percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.  
See the detailed caveats on Table 7 for additional information regarding these data.  
The figures shown in this graph are based on data reported by 48 states.

**Table 1**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations per 1,000 students of the school-age population, 1997-98

| State                | Number of students expelled in 1997-98 | School-age population 1997 | Expelled students per 1,000 of pop. | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Alabama              | 82                                     | 778,980                    | 0.105                               |  |
| Alaska               | 17                                     | 138,924                    | 0.122                               |  |
| Arizona              | 111                                    | 904,273                    | 0.123                               |  |
| Arkansas             | 57                                     | 485,938                    | 0.117                               |  |
| California           | 382                                    | 6,290,575                  | 0.061                               |  |
| Colorado             | 76                                     | 741,972                    | 0.102                               |  |
| Connecticut          | 9                                      | 575,481                    | 0.016                               |  |
| Delaware             | 29                                     | 128,204                    | 0.226                               |  |
| District of Columbia | 4                                      | 73,972                     | 0.054                               |  |
| Florida              | 153                                    | 2,520,043                  | 0.061                               |  |
| Georgia              | 203                                    | 1,429,690                  | 0.142                               |  |
| Hawaii               | 3                                      | 214,120                    | 0.014                               |  |
| Idaho                | 42                                     | 259,657                    | 0.162                               |  |
| Illinois             | 86                                     | 2,270,655                  | 0.038                               |  |
| Indiana              | 62                                     | 1,090,352                  | 0.057                               |  |
| Iowa                 | 30                                     | 541,563                    | 0.055                               |  |
| Kansas               | 33                                     | 508,652                    | 0.065                               |  |
| Kentucky             | 72                                     | 704,441                    | 0.102                               |  |
| Louisiana            | 27                                     | 877,178                    | 0.031                               |  |
| Maine                | 5                                      | 227,841                    | 0.022                               |  |
| Maryland             | 64                                     | 921,604                    | 0.069                               |  |
| Massachusetts        | 46                                     | 1,052,157                  | 0.044                               | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Michigan             | 99                                     | 1,852,011                  | 0.053                               |  |
| Minnesota            | 45                                     | 934,941                    | 0.048                               | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Mississippi          | 47                                     | 551,309                    | 0.085                               |  |
| Missouri             | 179                                    | 1,039,651                  | 0.172                               | The reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.  |
| Montana              | 17                                     | 175,227                    | 0.097                               |  |
| Nebraska             | 11                                     | 330,497                    | 0.033                               |  |
| Nevada               | 36                                     | 312,929                    | 0.115                               |  |
| New Hampshire        | 5                                      | 222,374                    | 0.022                               |  |
| New Jersey           | 40                                     | 1,430,257                  | 0.028                               |  |
| New Mexico           | 32                                     | 365,481                    | 0.088                               |  |

**Table 1 (cont'd)**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations per 1,000 students of the school-age population, 1997-98

| State                       | Number of students expelled in 1997-98 | School-age population 1997 | Expelled students per 1,000 of pop. | Data Caveats   |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| New York                    | 91                                     | 3,246,349                  | 0.028                               | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included. The school-age population figures are for all children aged 5 to 17.                             |
| North Carolina              | 121                                    | 1,354,542                  | 0.089                               | The data shown here are estimates  |
| North Dakota                | 1                                      | 124,503                    | 0.008                               |  |
| Ohio                        | 119                                    | 2,089,975                  | 0.057                               |  |
| Oklahoma                    | 17                                     | 652,211                    | 0.026                               |  |
| Oregon                      | 135                                    | 597,996                    | 0.226                               |  |
| Pennsylvania                | 193                                    | 2,125,826                  | 0.091                               |  |
| Rhode Island                | 10                                     | 171,442                    | 0.058                               |  |
| South Carolina              | 85                                     | 701,683                    | 0.121                               |  |
| South Dakota                | 49                                     | 147,892                    | 0.327                               | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Tennessee                   | 192                                    | 962,800                    | 0.199                               |  |
| Texas                       | 424                                    | 3,968,556                  | 0.107                               |  |
| Utah                        | 9                                      | 492,309                    | 0.018                               |  |
| Vermont                     | 5                                      | 111,015                    | 0.045                               | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun."                               |
| Virginia                    | 99                                     | 1,191,736                  | 0.083                               | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles.   |
| Washington                  | 190                                    | 1,068,473                  | 0.178                               |  |
| West Virginia               | 17                                     | 308,237                    | 0.055                               |  |
| Wisconsin                   | 66                                     | 1,011,134                  | 0.065                               |  |
| Wyoming                     | 0                                      | 100,721                    | 0.000                               |  |
| Puerto Rico                 | 1                                      | 852,354                    | 0.001                               |  |
| American Samoa              | 0                                      | 13,629                     | 0.000                               |  |
| Guam                        | 0                                      | 31,797                     | 0.000                               |  |
| Northern Marianas           | 0                                      | 7,766                      | 0.000                               |  |
| Virgin Islands              | 2                                      | 26,197                     | 0.076                               |  |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>3,930</b>                           | <b>51,310,092</b>          | <b>0.076</b>                        |  |
| Number of states reporting: |  | 56                         |                                     |  |

**Data Notes:**

The school-age population figures are children aged 5 to 17, including both public and private school students. For the 50 states and the District of Columbia, these figures are for 1997. For Puerto Rico and the other outlying areas, the figures shown are for 1990.

**Table 2**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by school level, 1997-98

| State                | School Level |             |             | Total | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--|
|                      | Elementary   | Junior high | Senior high |       |  |
| Alabama              | 4            | 26          | 52          | 82    |  |
| Alaska               | 0            | 5           | 12          | 17    |  |
| Arizona              | 21           | 49          | 41          | 111   |  |
| Arkansas             | 4            | 22          | 31          | 57    |  |
| California           | 31           | 116         | 235         | 382   |  |
| Colorado             | 9            | 30          | 37          | 76    |  |
| Connecticut          | 2            | 3           | 4           | 9     |  |
| Delaware             | 13           | 4           | 12          | 29    |  |
| District of Columbia | 0            | 1           | 3           | 4     |  |
| Florida              | 5            | 43          | 105         | 153   |  |
| Georgia              | 12           | 84          | 107         | 203   |  |
| Hawaii               | 0            | 3           | 0           | 3     |  |
| Idaho                | 4            | 13          | 25          | 42    |  |
| Illinois             | 6            | 31          | 49          | 86    |  |
| Indiana              | 6            | 16          | 40          | 62    |  |
| Iowa                 | 4            | 6           | 20          | 30    |  |
| Kansas               | 3            | 10          | 20          | 33    |  |
| Kentucky             | 5            | 31          | 36          | 72    |  |
| Louisiana            | 3            | 10          | 14          | 27    |  |
| Maine                | 2            | 2           | 1           | 5     |  |
| Maryland             | 2            | 29          | 33          | 64    |  |
| Massachusetts        | 1            | 14          | 31          | 46    | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Minnesota            | 2            | 23          | 20          | 45    | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Mississippi          | 2            | 16          | 29          | 47    |  |
| Missouri             | 26           | 65          | 88          | 179   | For 1997-98, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.                               |
| Montana              | 3            | 5           | 9           | 17    |  |
| Nebraska             | 2            | 1           | 8           | 11    |  |
| Nevada               | 1            | 16          | 19          | 36    |  |
| New Hampshire        | 0            | 1           | 4           | 5     |  |
| New Jersey           | 3            | 15          | 22          | 40    |  |
| New Mexico           | 3            | 7           | 22          | 32    |  |

**Table 2 (cont'd)**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by school level, 1997-98

| State   | School Level |              |              | Total        | Data Caveats   |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
|   | Elementary   | Junior high  | Senior high  |              |  |
| New York  | 1            | 35           | 55           | 91           | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included.  |
| North Carolina                                  | 7            | 43           | 71           | 121          | The data shown here are estimates  |
| North Dakota                                    | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1            |  |
| Ohio  | 13           | 36           | 70           | 119          |  |
| Oklahoma  | 0            | 2            | 15           | 17           |  |
| Pennsylvania                                    | 50           | 41           | 102          | 193          |  |
| Rhode Island                                    | 2            | 7            | 1            | 10           |  |
| South Carolina                                  | 4            | 32           | 49           | 85           |  |
| South Dakota                                    | 7            | 2            | 35           | 44           | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Texas   | 33           | 136          | 255          | 424          |  |
| Utah  | 2            | 2            | 5            | 9            |  |
| Vermont   | 0            | 2            | 3            | 5            | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun."                               |
| Virginia  | 7            | 32           | 60           | 99           | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles.   |
| Washington                                      | 22           | 60           | 108          | 190          |  |
| West Virginia                                   | 2            | 7            | 8            | 17           |  |
| Wisconsin                                       | 10           | 27           | 29           | 66           |  |
| Wyoming   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |  |
| Puerto Rico                                     | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1            |  |
| American Samoa                                  | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |  |
| Guam  | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |  |
| Northern Marianas                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |  |
| Virgin Islands                                  | 0            | 0            | 2            | 2            |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>339</b>   | <b>1,162</b> | <b>1,998</b> | <b>3,499</b> |  |
| Number of states reporting:                     |              | 53           |              |              |  |
| Percent of expulsions reported by school level: |              | 89%          |              |              |  |

**Data notes:**

Three states – Michigan, Oregon, and Tennessee – were unable to provide GFSA expulsions broken out by school level.

NA = Not available

**Table 3**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by type of firearm, 1997-98

| State                | Type of Firearm |       |       | Total | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                      | Handgun         | Rifle | Other |       |  |
| Alabama              | 69              | 6     | 7     | 82    |  |
| Alaska               | 10              | 5     | 2     | 17    |  |
| Arizona              | 65              | 4     | 42    | 111   |  |
| Arkansas             | 44              | 6     | 7     | 57    |  |
| California           | 260             | 11    | 111   | 382   |  |
| Colorado             | 22              | 2     | 52    | 76    |  |
| Connecticut          | 7               | 0     | 2     | 9     |  |
| Delaware             | 15              | 0     | 14    | 29    |  |
| District of Columbia | 4               | 0     | 0     | 4     |  |
| Florida              | 113             | 7     | 33    | 153   |  |
| Georgia              | 140             | 9     | 54    | 203   |  |
| Hawaii               | 1               | 0     | 2     | 3     |  |
| Idaho                | 20              | 10    | 12    | 42    |  |
| Illinois             | 80              | 3     | 3     | 86    |  |
| Indiana              | 53              | 4     | 5     | 62    |  |
| Iowa                 | 9               | 2     | 19    | 30    |  |
| Kansas               | 15              | 6     | 12    | 33    |  |
| Kentucky             | 59              | 2     | 11    | 72    |  |
| Louisiana            | 10              | 0     | 17    | 27    |  |
| Maine                | 4               | 0     | 1     | 5     |  |
| Maryland             | 56              | 5     | 3     | 64    |  |
| Massachusetts        | 23              | NA    | 23    | 46    | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Minnesota            | 34              | NA    | 11    | 45    | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Mississippi          | 32              | 14    | 1     | 47    |  |
| Missouri             | 18              | 0     | 161   | 179   | For 1997-98, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.                               |
| Montana              | 12              | 1     | 4     | 17    |  |
| Nevada               | 25              | 0     | 11    | 36    |  |
| New Hampshire        | 4               | 1     | 0     | 5     |  |
| New Jersey           | 34              | 4     | 2     | 40    |  |
| New Mexico           | 16              | 9     | 7     | 32    |  |
| New York             | 45              | 4     | 42    | 91    | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included.                                |

**Table 3 (cont'd)**

Number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by type of firearm, 1997-98

| State                                    | Type of Firearm |            |              | Total        | Data Caveats   |
|--|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--|
|  | Handgun         | Rifle      | Other        |              |  |
| North Dakota                             | 1               | 0          | 0            | 1            |  |
| Ohio                                     | 73              | 5          | 41           | 119          |  |
| Oklahoma                                 | 14              | 3          | 0            | 17           |  |
| Oregon                                   | 54              | 8          | 73           | 135          |  |
| Pennsylvania                             | 74              | 9          | 110          | 193          |  |
| Rhode Island                             | 7               | 3          | 0            | 10           |  |
| South Carolina                           | 72              | 8          | 5            | 85           |  |
| South Dakota                             | 5               | 4          | 40           | 49           | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Texas                                    | 285             | 44         | 95           | 424          |  |
| Utah                                     | 8               | 1          | 0            | 9            |  |
| Vermont                                  | 3               | 1          | 1            | 5            | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun."                               |
| Virginia                                 | 61              | NA         | 38           | 99           | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles.   |
| Washington                               | 151             | 24         | 15           | 190          |  |
| West Virginia                            | 14              | 3          | 0            | 17           |  |
| Wisconsin                                | 43              | 4          | 19           | 66           |  |
| Wyoming                                  | 0               | 0          | 0            | 0            |  |
| Puerto Rico                              | 1               | 0          | 0            | 1            |  |
| American Samoa                           | 0               | 0          | 0            | 0            |  |
| Guam                                     | 0               | 0          | 0            | 0            |  |
| Northern Marianas                        | 0               | 0          | 0            | 0            |  |
| Virgin Islands                           | 2               | 0          | 0            | 2            |  |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>2,167</b>    | <b>232</b> | <b>1,108</b> | <b>3,507</b> |  |
| Number of states reporting               | 52              |            |              |              |  |
| Percent of expulsions by type of weapon: | 89%             |            |              |              |  |

**Data Notes:**

Four states – Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Tennessee – were unable to provide GFSA expulsions broken out by type of firearm.

NA = Not available



**Table 4**

Total number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by state, 1996-97 to 1997-98

| State                | Year    |         | #<br>Change | %<br>Change | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|--|
|                      | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |             |             |  |
| Alabama              | 91      | 82      | -9          | -10%        |  |
| Alaska               | 19      | 17      | -2          | -11%        |  |
| Arizona              | 152     | 111     | -41         | -27%        |  |
| Arkansas             | 62      | 57      | -5          | -8%         |  |
| California           | 723     | 382     | -341        | -47%        | The figures reported for 1996-97 were not broken out by type of firearm.   |
| Colorado             | 131     | 76      | -55         | -42%        | The figure shown for 1996-97 is primarily for firearms. This figure has been revised from the data originally submitted for 1996-97 which was for ALL weapons, not just firearms.  |
| Connecticut          | 19      | 9       | -10         | -53%        |  |
| Delaware             | 7       | 29      | 22          | 314%        |  |
| District of Columbia | 0       | 4       | 4           | --          |  |
| Florida              | 202     | 153     | -49         | -24%        |  |
| Georgia              | 244     | 203     | -41         | -17%        |  |
| Hawaii               | 0       | 3       | 3           | --          |  |
| Idaho                | 33      | 42      | 9           | 27%         |  |
| Illinois             | 250     | 86      | -164        | -66%        | The large shift from 1996-97 was due primarily to better reporting. Prior to 1997-98, the expulsions reported under "other firearms" included expulsions for BB guns, sling shots, and other weapons. Expulsions for handguns/rifles/shotguns dropped 25% in 1998. |
| Indiana              | 109     | 62      | -47         | -43%        |  |
| Iowa                 | 40      | 30      | -10         | -25%        |  |
| Kansas               | 43      | 33      | -10         | -23%        |  |
| Kentucky             | 70      | 72      | 2           | 3%          |  |
| Louisiana            | 88      | 27      | -61         | -69%        |  |
| Maine                | 13      | 5       | -8          | -62%        |  |
| Maryland             | 73      | 64      | -9          | -12%        | The figures reported for 1996-97 were for the number of incidents, rather than expulsions.   |
| Massachusetts        | 54      | 46      | -8          | -15%        | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement.   |
| Michigan             | 92      | 99      | 7           | 8%          |  |
| Minnesota            | 18      | 45      | 27          | 150%        | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.  |
| Mississippi          | 11      | 47      | 36          | 327%        | The 1996-97 information was submitted for handguns only.   |

**Table 4 (cont'd)**

Total number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by state, 1996-97 to 1997-98

| State          | Year    |         | #<br>Change | %<br>Change | Data Caveats   |
|----------------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|--|
|                | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |             |             |  |
| Missouri       | 318     | 179     | -139        | -44%        | For 1996-97, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. For 1997-98, this reporting problem was significantly reduced but not eliminated.   |
| Montana        | 12      | 17      | 5           | 42%         |  |
| Nebraska       | 20      | 11      | -9          | -45%        | The information for both 1996-97 and 1997-98 is for all firearms combined. It is not broken out by type of weapon.   |
| Nevada         | 54      | 36      | -18         | -33%        |  |
| New Hampshire  | 15      | 5       | -10         | -67%        |  |
| New Jersey     | 57      | 40      | -17         | -30%        |  |
| New Mexico     | 71      | 32      | -39         | -55%        | For 1996-97, 20 expulsions were reported separately for an unknown firearm.  |
| New York       | 128     | 91      | -37         | -29%        | The data for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs and 71 percent of LEAs in 1996-97. For both years, all 5 of the largest LEAs are included.   |
| North Carolina | 138     | 121     | -17         | -12%        | The figure shown for 1996-97 has been revised from the figure originally submitted for 1996-97. The data shown here are estimates.   |
| North Dakota   | 1       | 1       | 0           | 0%          |  |
| Ohio           | 937     | 119     | -818        | -87         | The 1996-97 figures are for expulsions for use/possession of all weapons, rather than just firearms. These figures are not comparable to the figures submitted for 1997-98.  |
| Oklahoma       | 0       | 17      | 17          | --          |  |
| Oregon         | 85      | 135     | 50          | 59%         |  |
| Pennsylvania   | 200     | 193     | -7          | -4%         |  |
| Rhode Island   | 7       | 10      | 3           | 43%         |  |
| South Carolina | 94      | 85      | -9          | -10%        |  |
| South Dakota   | 7       | 49      | 42          | 600%        | For 1997-98, 5 unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade.<br><br>The large increase in expulsions from previous years is due to better data. In addition, for 1997-98, over 95% of the districts responded. This is a substantial increase from previous years. |
| Tennessee      | 98      | 192     | 94          | 96%         |  |
| Texas          | 532     | 424     | -108        | -20%        |  |
| Utah           | 80      | 9       | -71         | -89%        | For 1996-97, some of the reported expulsions may have been for other reasons than bringing a gun to school.  |

**Table 4 (cont'd)**

Total number of students expelled for GFSA violations, by state, 1996-97 to 1997-98

| State                                      | Year    |         | #<br>Change | %<br>Change | Data Caveats   |
|--|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|--|
|  | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |             |             |  |
| Vermont                                    | 5       | 5       | 0           | 0%          | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun." |
| Virginia                                   | 92      | 99      | 7           | 8%          | Virginia does not differentiate between handguns and rifles.   |
| Washington                                 | 146     | 190     | 44          | 30%         |  |
| West Virginia                              | 27      | 17      | -10         | -37%        |  |
| Wisconsin                                  | 54      | 66      | 12          | 22%         |  |
| Wyoming                                    | 0       | 0       | 0           | --          |  |
| Puerto Rico                                | 0       | 1       | --          | --          |  |
| American Samoa                             | --      | 0       | --          | --          |  |
| Guam                                       | 0       | 0       | --          | --          |  |
| Northern Marianas                          | 1       | 0       | -1          | --          |  |
| Virgin Islands                             | 1       | 2       | 1           | 100%        |  |
| Total                                      | 5,724   | 3,930   | -1,794      | -31         |  |
| Number of states with data for both years: |         |         | 55          |             |  |

**Table 5**

Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened on a case-by-case basis, 1997-98

| State                | Total expulsions | Total number shortened | Overall percent shortened | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Alabama              | 82               | 12                     | 15%                       |  |
| Alaska               | 17               | 4                      | 24%                       |  |
| Arizona              | 111              | 14                     | 13%                       |  |
| Arkansas             | 57               | 16                     | 28%                       |  |
| California           | 382              | 319                    | 84%                       |  |
| Delaware             | 29               | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| District of Columbia | 4                | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| Florida              | 153              | 25                     | 16%                       |  |
| Georgia              | 203              | 31                     | 15%                       |  |
| Hawaii               | 3                | 3                      | 100%                      |  |
| Idaho                | 42               | 21                     | 50%                       |  |
| Illinois             | 86               | 7                      | 8%                        |  |
| Indiana              | 62               | 28                     | 45%                       |  |
| Iowa                 | 30               | 18                     | 60%                       |  |
| Kansas               | 33               | 11                     | 33%                       |  |
| Kentucky             | 72               | 23                     | 32%                       |  |
| Louisiana            | 27               | 22                     | 81%                       |  |
| Maine                | 5                | 5                      | 100%                      |  |
| Maryland             | 64               | 37                     | 58%                       |  |
| Massachusetts        | 46               | 26                     | 57%                       | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Minnesota            | 45               | 29                     | 64%                       | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Missouri             | 179              | 19                     | 11%                       | For 1997-98, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.                               |
| Montana              | 17               | 9                      | 53%                       |  |
| Nebraska             | 11               | 6                      | 55%                       |  |
| Nevada               | 36               | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| New Hampshire        | 5                | 2                      | 40%                       |  |
| New Jersey           | 40               | 15                     | 38%                       |  |
| New Mexico           | 32               | 4                      | 13%                       |  |
| New York             | 91               | 32                     | 35%                       | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included.                                |

**Table 5 (cont'd)**

Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened on a case-by-case basis, 1997-98

| State                       | Total expulsions | Total number shortened | Overall percent shortened | Data Caveats   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| North Carolina              | 121              | 43                     | 36%                       | The data shown here are estimates.   |
| North Dakota                | 1                | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| Ohio                        | 119              | 61                     | 51%                       |  |
| Oklahoma                    | 17               | 6                      | 35%                       |  |
| Oregon                      | 135              | 66                     | 49%                       |  |
| Pennsylvania                | 193              | 148                    | 77%                       |  |
| Rhode Island                | 10               | 10                     | 100%                      |  |
| South Carolina              | 85               | 19                     | 22%                       |  |
| South Dakota                | 49               | 43                     | 88%                       | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Texas                       | 424              | 176                    | 42%                       |  |
| Vermont                     | 5                | 1                      | 20%                       | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun."                               |
| Washington                  | 190              | 163                    | 86%                       |  |
| West Virginia               | 17               | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| Wisconsin                   | 66               | 10                     | 15%                       |  |
| Wyoming                     | 0                | 0                      | --                        |  |
| Puerto Rico                 | 1                | 1                      | 100%                      |  |
| American Samoa              | 0                | 0                      | --                        |  |
| Guam                        | 0                | 0                      | --                        |  |
| Northern Marianas           | 0                | 0                      | --                        |  |
| Virgin Islands              | 2                | 0                      | 0%                        |  |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>3,399</b>     | <b>1,485</b>           | <b>44%</b>                |  |
| Number of states reporting: |                  | 49                     |                           |  |

**Data notes:**

The GFSA includes provisions that authorize the LEA chief administering officer to modify any GFSA expulsion on a case-by-case basis (for example by shortening the expulsion to less than one year)

Seven states – Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia – were unable to provide information on the number of GFSA violations shortened on a case-by-case basis.

**Table 6**

Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened for non-disabled students on a case-by-case basis, 1997-98

| State                | Total number shortened | Number non-disabled shortened | Percentage non-disabled shortened | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Alabama              | 12                     | 8                             | 67%                               |  |
| Arizona              | 14                     | 14                            | 100%                              |  |
| Arkansas             | 16                     | 12                            | 75%                               |  |
| California           | 319                    | 84                            | 26%                               |  |
| Connecticut          | 4                      | 3                             | 75%                               |  |
| Delaware             | 0                      | 0                             | --                                |  |
| District of Columbia | 0                      | 0                             | --                                |  |
| Florida              | 25                     | 20                            | 80%                               |  |
| Georgia              | 31                     | 19                            | 61%                               |  |
| Hawaii               | 3                      | 3                             | 100%                              |  |
| Idaho                | 21                     | 17                            | 81%                               |  |
| Illinois             | 7                      | 3                             | 43%                               |  |
| Indiana              | 28                     | 21                            | 75%                               |  |
| Iowa                 | 18                     | 16                            | 89%                               |  |
| Kansas               | 11                     | 7                             | 64%                               |  |
| Kentucky             | 23                     | 19                            | 83%                               |  |
| Maine                | 5                      | 2                             | 40%                               |  |
| Maryland             | 37                     | 16                            | 43%                               |  |
| Massachusetts        | 26                     | 21                            | 81%                               | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Minnesota            | 29                     | 29                            | 100%                              | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Mississippi          | 2                      | 2                             | 100%                              |  |
| Missouri             | 19                     | 19                            | 100%                              | For 1997-98, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.                               |
| Montana              | 9                      | 8                             | 89%                               |  |
| Nevada               | 0                      | 0                             | --                                |  |
| New Hampshire        | 2                      | 1                             | 50%                               |  |
| New Jersey           | 15                     | 14                            | 93%                               |  |
| New Mexico           | 4                      | 4                             | 100%                              |  |
| New York             | 32                     | 20                            | 63%                               | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included.                                |
| North Carolina       | 43                     | 26                            | 60%                               | The data shown here are estimates.   |

**Table 6 (cont'd)**

Number and percent of expulsions for GFSA violations shortened for non-disabled students on a case-by-case basis, 1997-98

| State                       | Total number shortened | Number non-disabled shortened | Percentage non-disabled shortened | Data Caveats   |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| North Dakota                | 0                      | 0                             | --                                |  |
| Ohio                        | 61                     | 42                            | 69%                               |  |
| Oklahoma                    | 6                      | 5                             | 83%                               |  |
| Oregon                      | 66                     | 49                            | 74%                               |  |
| Pennsylvania                | 148                    | 125                           | 84%                               |  |
| Rhode Island                | 10                     | 5                             | 50%                               |  |
| South Carolina              | 19                     | 13                            | 68%                               |  |
| South Dakota                | 43                     | 19                            | 44%                               | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Texas                       | 176                    | 114                           | 65%                               |  |
| Vermont                     | 1                      | 1                             | 100%                              | Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under "handgun."                               |
| Washington                  | 163                    | 124                           | 76%                               |  |
| West Virginia               | 0                      | 0                             | 0%                                |  |
| Wisconsin                   | 10                     | 3                             | 30%                               |  |
| Wyoming                     | 0                      | 0                             | 0%                                |  |
| Puerto Rico                 | 1                      | 1                             | 100%                              |  |
| American Samoa              | 0                      | 0                             | 0%                                |  |
| Guam                        | 0                      | 0                             | --                                |  |
| Northern Marianas           | 0                      | 0                             | 0%                                |  |
| Virgin Islands              | 0                      | 0                             | 0%                                |  |
| Total                       | 1,459                  | 909                           | 62%                               |  |
| Number of states reporting: |                        | 48                            |                                   |  |

**Data Note:**

Eight states – Alaska, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia – were unable to provide information on the number of GFSA violations that were shortened for non-disabled students.

**Table 7**

Percentage of students expelled for GFSA violations referred to an alternate placement by state, 1997-98

| State                | Total expulsions | Referred | Percent referred | Data Caveats   |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| Alabama              | 82               | 20       | 24%              |  |
| Alaska               | 17               | 4        | 24%              |  |
| Arizona              | 111              | 61       | 55%              |  |
| Arkansas             | 57               | 17       | 30%              |  |
| California           | 382              | 81       | 21%              |  |
| Connecticut          | 9                | 8        | 89%              |  |
| Delaware             | 29               | 6        | 21%              |  |
| District of Columbia | 4                | 0        | 0%               |  |
| Florida              | 153              | 104      | 68%              |  |
| Georgia              | 203              | 88       | 43%              |  |
| Hawaii               | 3                | 1        | 33%              |  |
| Idaho                | 42               | 6        | 14%              |  |
| Illinois             | 86               | 65       | 76%              |  |
| Indiana              | 62               | 9        | 15%              |  |
| Iowa                 | 30               | 12       | 40%              |  |
| Kansas               | 33               | 9        | 27%              |  |
| Kentucky             | 72               | 28       | 39%              |  |
| Maine                | 5                | 2        | 40%              |  |
| Maryland             | 64               | 52       | 81%              |  |
| Massachusetts        | 46               | 25       | 54%              | For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement. |
| Minnesota            | 45               | 13       | 29%              | The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.                                    |
| Mississippi          | 47               | 6        | 13%              |  |
| Missouri             | 179              | 13       | 7%               | For 1997-98, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles.                               |
| Montana              | 17               | 3        | 18%              |  |
| Nebraska             | 11               | 10       | 91%              |  |
| Nevada               | 36               | 31       | 86%              |  |
| New Hampshire        | 5                | 1        | 20%              |  |
| New Jersey           | 40               | 29       | 73%              |  |
| New Mexico           | 32               | 5        | 16%              |  |
| New York             | 91               | 22       | 24%              | The data reported for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs. All 5 of the largest LEAs are included.                                |
| North Carolina       | 121              | 17       | 14%              | The data shown here are estimates.   |



**Table 7 (cont'd)**

Percentage of students expelled for GFSA violations referred to an alternate placement by state, 1997-98

| State                       | Total expulsions | Referred | Percent referred | Data Caveats   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| North Dakota                | 1                | 0        | 0%               |  |
| Ohio                        | 119              | 31       | 26%              |  |
| Oklahoma                    | 17               | 5        | 29%              |  |
| Oregon                      | 135              | 56       | 56%              |  |
| Pennsylvania                | 193              | 41       | 21%              |  |
| Rhode Island                | 10               | 1        | 10%              |  |
| South Carolina              | 85               | 27       | 32%              |  |
| South Dakota                | 49               | 18       | 37%              | Five unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. They are included in the total by type of firearm under "other" and in the overall total but are not included in the totals by grade. |
| Texas                       | 424              | 333      | 79%              |  |
| Washington                  | 190              | 171      | 90%              |  |
| West Virginia               | 17               | 0        | 0%               |  |
| Wyoming                     | 0                | 0        | --               |  |
|                             |                  |          |                  |  |
| Puerto Rico                 | 1                | 0        | 0%               |  |
| American Samoa              | 0                | 0        | --               |  |
| Guam                        | 0                | 0        | --               |  |
| Northern Marianas           | 0                | 0        | --               |  |
| Virgin Islands              | 2                | 2        | 100%             |  |
|                             |                  |          |                  |  |
| Total                       | 3,357            | 1,433    | 43%              |  |
|                             |                  |          |                  |  |
| Number of states reporting: |                  | 48       |                  |  |

**Data Notes:**

The GFSA has provisions in place that allow local officials to refer expelled students to an alternative school or program.

Eight states – Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin – were unable to provide information on the number of GFSA violations that were referred to an alternate placement.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Alabama

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 1                   | 1              | 4     |
| Junior High  | 25       | 0                   | 1              | 26    |
| Senior High  | 42       | 5                   | 5              | 52    |
| Total        | 69       | 6                   | 7              | 82    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 12     | 15%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 8      | 67%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 20     | 24%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 91      | 82      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -9      |
| Percent Change              |         | -10%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA)  
**Alaska**

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**1997-98 Data**

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0     |
| Junior High  | 1        | 3                   | 1              | 5     |
| Senior High  | 9        | 2                   | 1              | 12    |
| Total        | 10       | 5                   | 2              | 17    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 4      | 24%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 4      | 24%     |

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**Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98**

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 19      | 17      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -2      |
| Percent Change              |         | -11%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Arizona

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 12       | 0                   | 9              | 21    |
| Junior High  | 23       | 0                   | 26             | 49    |
| Senior High  | 30       | 4                   | 7              | 41    |
| Total        | 65       | 4                   | 42             | 111   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 14     | 13%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 14     | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 61     | 55%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 152     | 111     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -41     |
| Percent Change              |         | -27%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Arkansas

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 1        | 0                   | 3              | 4     |
| Junior High  | 20       | 1                   | 1              | 22    |
| Senior High  | 23       | 5                   | 3              | 31    |
| Total        | 44       | 6                   | 7              | 57    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 16     | 28%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 12     | 75%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 17     | 30%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 62      | 57      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -5      |
| Percent Change              |         | -8%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) California

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 20       | 0                   | 11             | 31    |
| Junior High  | 71       | 0                   | 45             | 116   |
| Senior High  | 169      | 11                  | 55             | 235   |
| Total        | 260      | 11                  | 111            | 382   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 319    | 84%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 84     | 26%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 81     | 21%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 723     | 382     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -341    |
| Percent Change              |         | -47%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The figures reported for 1996-97 were not broken out by type of weapon.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Colorado

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 7              | 9     |
| Junior High  | 6        | 0                   | 24             | 30    |
| Senior High  | 14       | 2                   | 21             | 37    |
| Total        | 22       | 2                   | 52             | 76    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | NA     |         |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 131     | 76      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -55     |
| Percent Change              |         | -42%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The figure shown for 1996-97 is primarily for firearms. This figure has been revised from the data originally submitted for 1996-97 which was for ALL weapons, not just firearms.

Note: NA = not available.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Connecticut

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 3        | 0                   | 0              | 3     |
| Senior High  | 2        | 0                   | 2              | 4     |
| Total        | 7        | 0                   | 2              | 9     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 4      | 44%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 3      | 75%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 8      | 89%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 19      | 9       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -10     |
| Percent Change              |         | -53%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Delaware

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 7        | 0                   | 6              | 13    |
| Junior High  | 2        | 0                   | 2              | 4     |
| Senior High  | 6        | 0                   | 6              | 12    |
| Total        | 15       | 0                   | 14             | 29    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 6      | 21%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 7       | 29      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 22      |
| Percent Change              |         | 314%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) District of Columbia

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0     |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 0              | 1     |
| Senior High  | 3        | 0                   | 0              | 3     |
| Total        | 4        | 0                   | 0              | 4     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 4       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 4       |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Florida

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 4        | 0                   | 1              | 5     |
| Junior High  | 32       | 1                   | 10             | 43    |
| Senior High  | 77       | 6                   | 22             | 105   |
| Total        | 113      | 7                   | 33             | 153   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 25     | 16%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 20     | 80%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 104    | 68%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 202     | 153     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -49     |
| Percent Change              |         | -24%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Georgia

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 8        | 0                   | 4              | 12    |
| Junior High  | 56       | 0                   | 28             | 84    |
| Senior High  | 76       | 9                   | 22             | 107   |
| Total        | 140      | 9                   | 54             | 203   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 31     | 15%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 19     | 61%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 88     | 43%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 244     | 203     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -41     |
| Percent Change              |         | -17%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Hawaii

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total    |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|----------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0        |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 2              | 3        |
| Senior High  | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>            | <b>2</b>       | <b>3</b> |

| <b>Question:</b>  | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| <b>2.</b> Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 3      | 100%    |
| <b>3.</b> Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 3      | 100%    |
| <b>4.</b> Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 1      | 33%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 3       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 3       |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Idaho

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 4        | 0                   | 0              | 4     |
| Junior High  | 5        | 0                   | 8              | 13    |
| Senior High  | 11       | 10                  | 4              | 25    |
| Total        | 20       | 10                  | 12             | 42    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 21     | 50%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 17     | 81%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 6      | 14%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 33      | 42      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 9       |
| Percent Change              |         | 27%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Illinois

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 5        | 1                   | 0              | 6     |
| Junior High  | 30       | 0                   | 1              | 31    |
| Senior High  | 45       | 2                   | 2              | 49    |
| Total        | 80       | 3                   | 3              | 86    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 7      | 8%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 3      | 43%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 65     | 76%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 250     | 86      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -164    |
| Percent Change              |         | -66%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The large shift from 1996-97 was due primarily to better reporting. Prior to 1997-98, the expulsions reported under "other firearms" included expulsions for BB guns, sling shots, and other weapons. Expulsions for handguns/rifles/shotguns dropped 25% in 1998.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Indiana

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 4        | 0                   | 2              | 6     |
| Junior High  | 14       | 2                   | 0              | 16    |
| Senior High  | 35       | 2                   | 3              | 40    |
| Total        | 53       | 4                   | 5              | 62    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 28     | 45%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 21     | 75%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 9      | 15%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 109     | 62      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -47     |
| Percent Change              |         | -43%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Iowa

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 4              | 4     |
| Junior High  | 2        | 0                   | 4              | 6     |
| Senior High  | 7        | 2                   | 11             | 20    |
| Total        | 9        | 2                   | 19             | 30    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 18     | 60%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 16     | 89%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 12     | 40%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 40      | 30      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -10     |
| Percent Change              |         | -25%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Kansas

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 1              | 3     |
| Junior High  | 6        | 0                   | 4              | 10    |
| Senior High  | 7        | 6                   | 7              | 20    |
| Total        | 15       | 6                   | 12             | 33    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 11     | 33%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 7      | 64%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 9      | 27%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 43      | 33      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -10     |
| Percent Change              |         | -23%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Kentucky

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 4        | 0                   | 1              | 5     |
| Junior High  | 26       | 0                   | 5              | 31    |
| Senior High  | 29       | 2                   | 5              | 36    |
| Total        | 59       | 2                   | 11             | 72    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 23     | 32%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 19     | 83%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 28     | 39%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 70      | 72      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 2       |
| Percent Change              |         | 3%      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Louisiana

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 3              | 3     |
| Junior High  | 3        | 0                   | 7              | 10    |
| Senior High  | 7        | 0                   | 7              | 14    |
| Total        | 10       | 0                   | 17             | 27    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 22     | 81%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 88      | 27      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -61     |
| Percent Change              |         | -69%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Maine

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 1              | 2     |
| Senior High  | 1        | 0                   | 0              | 1     |
| Total        | 4        | 0                   | 1              | 5     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 5      | 100%    |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 2      | 40%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 2      | 40%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 13      | 5       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -8      |
| Percent Change              |         | -62%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Maryland

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 25       | 1                   | 3              | 29    |
| Senior High  | 29       | 4                   | 0              | 33    |
| Total        | 56       | 5                   | 3              | 64    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 37     | 58%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 16     | 43%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 52     | 81%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 73      | 64      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -9      |
| Percent Change              |         | -12%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The figures reported for 1996-97 were for the number of incidents, rather than expulsions.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Massachusetts

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | NA                  | 1              | 1     |
| Junior High  | 9        | NA                  | 5              | 14    |
| Senior High  | 14       | NA                  | 17             | 31    |
| Total        | 23       | NA                  | 23             | 46    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 26     | 57%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 21     | 81%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 25     | 54%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 54      | 46      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -8      |
| Percent Change              |         | -15%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For 1997-98, 11 districts were unable to provide information on the number of expulsions that were referred to an alternate placement.

Note: NA = not available.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Michigan

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Junior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Senior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Total        | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 99    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | NA     |         |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 92      | 99      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 7       |
| Percent Change              |         | 8%      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** Information for both 1996-97 and 1997-98 was submitted as a cumulative total only. It was not broken out by type of weapon or school level.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Minnesota

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 1        | NA                  | 1              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 14       | NA                  | 9              | 23    |
| Senior High  | 19       | NA                  | 1              | 20    |
| Total        | 34       | NA                  | 11             | 45    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 29     | 64%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 29     | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 13     | 29%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 18      | 45      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 27      |
| Percent Change              |         | 150%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The information shown for 1997-98 under handguns is actually handguns and rifles/shotguns combined.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Mississippi

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 10       | 6                   | 0              | 16    |
| Senior High  | 20       | 8                   | 1              | 29    |
| Total        | 32       | 14                  | 1              | 47    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 2      | 4%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 2      | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 6      | 13%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 11      | 47      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 36      |
| Percent Change              |         | 327%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The 1996-97 information was submitted for handguns only.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Missouri

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 1        | 0                   | 25             | 26    |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 64             | 65    |
| Senior High  | 16       | 0                   | 72             | 88    |
| Total        | 18       | 0                   | 161            | 179   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 19     | 11%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 19     | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 13     | 7%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 318     | 179     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -139    |
| Percent Change              |         | -44%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For 1996-97, the reported figures may include other weapons such as knives, air guns, or brass knuckles. For 1997-98, this reporting problem was significantly reduced but not eliminated.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Montana

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 3        | 0                   | 0              | 3     |
| Junior High  | 3        | 0                   | 2              | 5     |
| Senior High  | 6        | 1                   | 2              | 9     |
| Total        | 12       | 1                   | 4              | 17    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 9      | 53%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 8      | 89%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 3      | 18%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 12      | 17      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 5       |
| Percent Change              |         | 42%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Nebraska

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 2     |
| Junior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 1     |
| Senior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 8     |
| Total        | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 11    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 6      | 55%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 10     | 91%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 20      | 11      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -9      |
| Percent Change              |         | -45%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The information for both 1996-97 and 1997-98 is for all firearms combined. It is not broken out by type of weapon.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Nevada

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 1        | 0                   | 0              | 1     |
| Junior High  | 12       | 0                   | 4              | 16    |
| Senior High  | 12       | 0                   | 7              | 19    |
| Total        | 25       | 0                   | 11             | 36    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 31     | 86%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 54      | 36      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -18     |
| Percent Change              |         | -33%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) New Hampshire

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 2      | 40%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 1      | 50%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 1      | 20%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 15      | 5       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -10     |
| Percent Change              |         | -67%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) New Jersey

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 1                   | 0              | 3     |
| Junior High  | 13       | 1                   | 1              | 15    |
| Senior High  | 19       | 2                   | 1              | 22    |
| Total        | 34       | 4                   | 2              | 40    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 15     | 38%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 14     | 93%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 29     | 73%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 57      | 40      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -17     |
| Percent Change              |         | -30%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) New Mexico

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 1              | 3     |
| Junior High  | 5        | 0                   | 2              | 7     |
| Senior High  | 9        | 9                   | 4              | 22    |
| Total        | 16       | 9                   | 7              | 32    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 4      | 13%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 4      | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 5      | 16%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 71      | 32      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -39     |
| Percent Change              |         | -55%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For 1996-97, 20 expulsions were reported separately for an unknown firearm.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) New York

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 1              | 1     |
| Junior High  | 17       | 1                   | 17             | 35    |
| Senior High  | 28       | 3                   | 24             | 55    |
| Total        | 45       | 4                   | 42             | 91    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 32     | 35%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 20     | 63%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 22     | 24%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 128     | 91      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -37     |
| Percent Change              |         | -29%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** Data for 1997-98 represent 78 percent of all LEAs and 71 percent of LEAs in 1996-97. For both years, all 5 of the largest LEAs are included.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) North Carolina

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 7     |
| Junior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 43    |
| Senior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 71    |
| Total        | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 121   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 43     | 36%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 26     | 60%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 17     | 14%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 138     | 121     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -17     |
| Percent Change              |         | -12%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The figure shown for 1996-97 has been revised from the figure originally submitted for that year. For both 1996-97 and 1997-98, the information submitted was broken out by school level, not by type of weapon. All data shown here are estimates.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) North Dakota

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0     |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 0              | 1     |
| Senior High  | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0     |
| Total        | 1        | 0                   | 0              | 1     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 1       | 1       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 0       |
| Percent Change              |         | 0%      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Ohio

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 7        | 0                   | 6              | 13    |
| Junior High  | 17       | 0                   | 19             | 36    |
| Senior High  | 49       | 5                   | 16             | 70    |
| Total        | 73       | 5                   | 41             | 119   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 61     | 51%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 42     | 69%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 31     | 26%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 937     | 119     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -818    |
| Percent Change              |         | -87%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** The 1996-97 figures are for expulsions for use/possession of all weapons, rather than just firearms. These figures are not comparable to the figures submitted for 1997-98.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Oklahoma

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns  | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total     |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Elementary   | 0         | 0                   | 0              | 0         |
| Junior High  | 2         | 0                   | 0              | 2         |
| Senior High  | 12        | 3                   | 0              | 15        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b>            | <b>0</b>       | <b>17</b> |

| <b>Question:</b>  | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| <b>2.</b> Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 6      | 35%     |
| <b>3.</b> Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 5      | 83%     |
| <b>4.</b> Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 5      | 29%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 17      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 17      |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Oregon

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Junior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Senior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Total        | 57       | 10                  | 69             | 136   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 78     | 57%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 56     | 72%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 76     | 56%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 85      | 136     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 51      |
| Percent Change              |         | 60%     |

★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For both 1996-97 and 1997-98, the information was submitted by type of weapon by not by school level.

In 1996-97 not all districts reported data under the GFSA, whereas almost all districts reported in 1997-98. Changes between 1996-97 and 1997-98 may be due to this increased level of reporting.

Note: NA = not available.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Pennsylvania

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 15       | 1                   | 34             | 50    |
| Junior High  | 9        | 5                   | 27             | 41    |
| Senior High  | 50       | 3                   | 49             | 102   |
| Total        | 74       | 9                   | 110            | 193   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 148    | 77%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 125    | 84%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 41     | 21%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 200     | 193     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -7      |
| Percent Change              |         | -4%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Rhode Island

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 2                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 7        | 0                   | 0              | 7     |
| Senior High  | 0        | 1                   | 0              | 1     |
| Total        | 7        | 3                   | 0              | 10    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 10     | 100%    |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 5      | 50%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 1      | 10%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 7       | 10      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 3       |
| Percent Change              |         | 43%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) South Carolina

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 3        | 0                   | 1              | 4     |
| Junior High  | 31       | 0                   | 1              | 32    |
| Senior High  | 38       | 8                   | 3              | 49    |
| Total        | 72       | 8                   | 5              | 85    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 19     | 22%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 13     | 68%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 27     | 32%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 94      | 85      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -9      |
| Percent Change              |         | -10%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) South Dakota

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 5              | 7     |
| Junior High  | 1        | 0                   | 1              | 2     |
| Senior High  | 2        | 4                   | 29             | 35    |
| Total        | 5        | 4                   | 40             | 49    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 43     | 88%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 19     | 44%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 18     | 37%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 7       | 49      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 42      |
| Percent Change              |         | 600%    |

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- ★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For 1997-98, 5 unidentified firearms violations were not available by grade. These are reflected in the total for “other firarms and in the overall total but are not reflected in the by-grade totals.
  - ★ The large increase in expulsions from previous years is due to better data. In addition, for 1997-98, over 95% of the districts responded. This is a substantial increase from previous years.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Tennessee

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Junior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Senior High  | NA       | NA                  | NA             | NA    |
| Total        | NA       | NA                  | NA             | 192   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | NA     |         |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 98      | 192     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 94      |
| Percent Change              |         | 96%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For both 1996-97 and 1997-98, the information was submitted as an aggregate figure only. It was not broken out by type of weapon or school level.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Texas

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 28       | 0                   | 5              | 33    |
| Junior High  | 98       | 0                   | 38             | 136   |
| Senior High  | 159      | 44                  | 52             | 255   |
| Total        | 285      | 44                  | 95             | 424   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 176    | 42%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 114    | 65%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 333    | 79%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 532     | 424     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -108    |
| Percent Change              |         | -20%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Utah

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Senior High  | 4        | 1                   | 0              | 5     |
| Total        | 8        | 1                   | 0              | 9     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | NA     |         |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 80      | 9       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -71     |
| Percent Change              |         | -89%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** For 1996-97, some of the reported expulsions may have been for other reasons than bringing a gun to school.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Vermont

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 0        | 0                   | 0              | 0     |
| Junior High  | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Senior High  | 1        | 1                   | 1              | 3     |
| Total        | 3        | 1                   | 1              | 5     |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 1      | 20%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 1      | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 5       | 5       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 0       |
| Percent Change              |         | 0%      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** Included in the 5 reported 1997-98 incidents is a case where one student brought 2 guns (a handgun and a hunting rifle). This was counted as one incident under “handgun.”

Note: NA = not available.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Virginia

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 5        | NA                  | 2              | 7     |
| Junior High  | 16       | NA                  | 16             | 32    |
| Senior High  | 40       | NA                  | 20             | 60    |
| Total        | 61       | NA                  | 38             | 99    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | NA     |         |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | NA     |         |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 92      | 99      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 7       |
| Percent Change              |         | 8%      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** In both 1996-97 and 1997-98, Virginia did not differentiate between handguns and rifles.

Note: NA = not available.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Washington

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 19       | 2                   | 1              | 22    |
| Junior High  | 53       | 0                   | 7              | 60    |
| Senior High  | 79       | 22                  | 7              | 108   |
| Total        | 151      | 24                  | 15             | 190   |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 163    | 86%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 124    | 76%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 171    | 90%     |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 146     | 190     |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 44      |
| Percent Change              |         | 30%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) West Virginia

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 2        | 0                   | 0              | 2     |
| Junior High  | 7        | 0                   | 0              | 7     |
| Senior High  | 5        | 3                   | 0              | 8     |
| Total        | 14       | 3                   | 0              | 17    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 27      | 17      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -10     |
| Percent Change              |         | -37%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Wisconsin

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary   | 8        | 0                   | 2              | 10    |
| Junior High  | 17       | 2                   | 8              | 27    |
| Senior High  | 18       | 2                   | 9              | 29    |
| Total        | 43       | 4                   | 19             | 66    |

| Question:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 10     | 15%     |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 3      | 30%     |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | NA     |         |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 54      | 66      |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 12      |
| Percent Change              |         | 22%     |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Wyoming

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 0       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 0       |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Puerto Rico

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 1      | 100%    |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 1      | 100%    |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 1       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 1       |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) American Samoa

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | --      | 0       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | --      |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Guam

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 0       | 0       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 0       |
| Percent Change              |         | --      |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.



# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Northern Marianas

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 0      | 0%      |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 1       | 0       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | -1      |
| Percent Change              |         | -100%   |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

# Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Virgin Islands

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## 1997-98 Data

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**Question 1.** Number of students expelled under state law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school.

| School Level | Handguns | Rifles/<br>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:  | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| 2. Number of shortened expulsions                                  | 0      | 0%      |
| 3. Number in #2 (above) that were <u>not</u> disabled              | 0      | 0%      |
| 4. Number of expulsions (in #1) referred to an alternative program | 2      | 100%    |

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## Year-to-Year Data Comparison – 1996-97 to 1997-98

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|                             | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total number of expulsions  | 1       | 2       |
| Change (1996-97 to 1997-98) |         | 1       |
| Percent Change              |         | 100%    |

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★ **Caveats or notes on the data collection instrument:** None.

## **Appendix A – The Gun-Free Schools Act**



“PART F – GUN POSSESSION

“Sec. 14601. GUN-FREE REQUIREMENTS

Gun-Free Schools  
Act of 1994  
20 USC 8921.

“(a) SHORT TITLE. – This section may be cited as the ‘Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994’.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS. –

“(1) IN GENERAL. – Except as provided in paragraph (3), each State receiving Federal funds under this Act shall have in effect a State law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than one year a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to a school under the jurisdiction of local educational agencies in that State, except that such State law shall allow the chief administering officer of such local educational agency to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis.

“(2) CONSTRUCTION. – Nothing in this title 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) SPECIAL RULE. – (A) Any State that has a law in effect prior to the date of enactment of the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 which is in conflict with the not less than one year expulsion requirement described in paragraph (1) shall have the period of time described in subparagraph (B) to comply with such requirement.

“(B) The period of time shall be the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Improving America’s Schools Act and ending one year after such date.

“(4) DEFINITION. – For the purpose of this section, the term ‘weapon’ means a firearm as such term is defined in section 921 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 this Act shall provide to the States, 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 weapons concerned.

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

“(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS. – Two years after the date of enactment of the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994, the Secretary shall report to Congress if any State is not in compliance with the requirements of this title.

“SEC. 14602. POLICY REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFERRAL.

“(a) IN GENERAL. – No funds shall be made available under 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 school served by such agency.

“(b) DEFINITIONS. – For the purpose of this section, the terms ‘firearm’ and ‘school’ have the same meaning given to such terms by section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

“SEC. 14603. DATA AND POLICY DISSEMINATION UNDER IDEA

“The Secretary shall –

“(1) widely disseminate the policy of the Department in effect on the date of enactment of the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 with respect to disciplining children with disabilities;

“(2) collect data on the incidence of children with disabilities (as such term is defined in section 602(a)(1) of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act) engaging in life threatening behavior or bringing weapons to schools; and

“(3) submit a report to Congress not later than January 31, 1995, analyzing the strengths and problems with the current approaches regarding disciplining children with disabilities.



## **Appendix B – GFSA Data Collection Instrument**





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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION ACT (ESEA), as amended by the  
IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT OF  
1994 (IASA), TITLE XIV, PART F

FORM APPROVED  
OMB #1810-0602

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## GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT REPORT

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### RESPONDENT INFORMATION

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| <b>State Name:</b>  |
| Name of Agency Responding:  |
| <b>Name and Title</b> of Individual Completing this Report:           |
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| <b>Mailing Address:</b>   |
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# GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

The Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA), Part F of Title XIV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 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 weapon to 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.

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. 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. The Secretary is required to report to Congress if any State is not in compliance with the GFSA.

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 1997-98 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 or not applicable, please indicate by using the following abbreviations:

MD = Missing Data

NA = Not Available

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 December 1, 1998 to:**

**Westat  
1650 Research Boulevard, Room RA 1216  
Rockville, MD 20850**

If questions arise about completing any of the items on the attached form, please do not hesitate to contact the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program 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** Firearms other than handguns, rifles or shotguns as defined in 18 USC 921. According to Section 921, the following are included within the definition:

- 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:
  - (a) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas
    - (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
    - (5). one-quarter ounce,
    - (6). mine, or
    - (7). 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.

## FIREARMS EXPULSIONS

1. Please indicate the number of students expelled in your State under your State's law that requires a one-year expulsion for a student who brings a firearm to school. *[Do not include in your response to this question students who have brought a firearm to school but who have not been expelled, whether because of disability, an intervening court order, delays in the process, or any other reason.]*

| School Level       | Handguns | Rifles/Shotguns | Other Firearms | Total |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Elementary School  |          |                 |                |       |
| Junior High School |          |                 |                |       |
| Senior High School |          |                 |                |       |
| <b>Total</b>       |          |                 |                |       |

2. How many of the expulsions 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 14601(b)(1) of the GFSA? *[Do not include in your response to this question modifications under the case-by-case exception provision of Section 14601(b)(1) other than those that shorten the term of the expulsion to less than one year.]*

Number of Shortened  
Expulsions:

3. How many of the modifications reported in item #2 were for students who are not students with disabilities as defined in Section 602(a)(1) of the IDEA?

Number of shortened expulsions  
in #2, NOT disabled:

*[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 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 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 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.]

4. How many of the expulsions reported in item #1 resulted in a referral of the expelled student to an alternative school or program?

Number of expelled students in #1 referred to an alternative placement:

#### LEA COMPLIANCE

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 be expelled for one year. (If all LEAs have provided the necessary assurance, please indicate "none" in response to this item.)

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(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 14602 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. *(If all LEAs have provided the necessary assurance, please indicate "none" in response to this item.)*

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