

Commissioner's Regulation
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School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC)
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100.2(gg) *Uniform violent or disruptive incident reporting system also known as the "School safety and educational climate reporting system"*. School districts, boards of cooperative educational services, charter schools and county vocational education and extension boards shall submit to the commissioner annual reports of violent or disruptive incidents that occurred in the prior school year, commencing with the 2001-2002 school year, in accordance with sections 15 and 2802 of the Education Law and this subdivision.

(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this subdivision:

(i) *School function* means a school-sponsored or school-authorized extracurricular event or activity, regardless of where such event or activity takes place, including any event or activity that may take place in another state.

(ii) *School property* shall mean in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school; or in or on a school bus, as defined in section 142 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law; or at a school function.

(iii) *Weapon* shall mean any weapon defined in Article 265 of the Penal Law.

(iv) *Violent or disruptive incident* shall mean one of the following categories of incidents that occurs on school property of the school district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school or county vocational education and extension board, committed with or without a weapon (except in the case of weapons possession):

(a) *Homicide*. Any intentional violent conduct which results in the death of another person.

(b) *Sexual offense*. An act committed by a person 10 years of age or older which would constitute a felony under Article 130 of the Penal Law, taking into consideration the developmental capacity of the person to form the intent to commit such act, and where the school has referred the person to the police for the act.

(c) *Assault*. An act committed by a person 10 years of age or older which would constitute a felony under Article 120 of the Penal Law, taking into consideration the developmental capacity of the person to form the intent to commit such act, and where the school has referred the person to the police for the act.

(d) *Material incident of harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination*. A single verified incident or a series of related verified incidents where a student is subjected to harassment, bullying and/or discrimination by a student and/or employee on school property or at a school function. In addition, such term shall include a verified incident or series of related incidents of harassment or bullying that occur off school property, as defined in subparagraph (kk)(1)(viii) of this section, such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race as defined in Education Law section 11(9) and subdivision (kk) of this

section, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex; provided that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit a denial of admission into, or exclusion from, a course of instruction based on a person's gender that would be permissible under Education Law sections 3201-aor 2854(2)(a) and title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. section 1681, et seq.), or to prohibit, as discrimination based on disability, actions that would be permissible under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(e) *Threat (other than bomb threat or false alarm)*. A verbal, telephoned, written or electronic message of a threat of violence on school property or at a school related function.

(f) *Bomb threat*. A telephoned, written or electronic message that a bomb, explosive, chemical or biological weapon has been or will be placed on school property.

(g) *False alarm*. Causing a fire alarm or other disaster alarm to be activated knowing there is no danger, or through false reporting of a fire or disaster.

(h) *Weapons possession*. An act committed by a person 10 years of age or older which would constitute a felony under Article 265 of the Penal Law, taking into consideration the developmental capacity of the person to form the intent to commit such act, and where the school has referred the person to the police for the act.

(i) *Use, possession or sale of drugs*. Illegally using, possessing, or being under the influence of a controlled substance or marijuana, on school property or at a school function, including having such substance on a person in a locker, vehicle, or other personal space; selling or distributing a controlled substance or marijuana, on school property; finding a controlled substance or marijuana, on school property that is not in the possession of any person; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to apply to the lawful administration of a prescription drug on school property.

(j) *Use, possession or sale of alcohol*. Illegally using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol on school property or at a school function, including having such substance on a person or in a locker, vehicle, or other personal space; illegally selling or distributing alcohol on school property or at a school function; finding alcohol on school property that is not in the possession of any person.

(2) Recording of offenses.

(i) For purposes of reporting pursuant to this subdivision, each incident shall be reported once in the highest ranking category of offense that applies, except that incidents involving a weapon and one of the offenses listed in clauses (1)(iv)(a) through (g) of this subdivision shall be reported in the highest ranking category of offense that applies as an offense committed with a weapon, and not in weapons possession; and incidents involving drug use, possession or sale and/or alcohol use, possession or sale and another offense shall be reported in the highest ranking category in clauses (1)(iv)(a) through (h) of this subdivision that applies. If the offense involves only the use, possession or sale of drugs or alcohol, it shall be recorded in the applicable category of drug or alcohol use, possession or sale as an incident involving drug or alcohol use, possession or sale only. For purposes of determining the highest ranking offense pursuant to this subparagraph, offenses shall be ranked in the order that they appear in clauses (1)(iv)(a) through (g) of this

subdivision, followed by weapons possession, drug use, possession or sale and alcohol use, possession or sale.

(ii) All incidents involving threats (other than bomb threats), bomb threats or false alarms as defined in clauses (1)(iv)(e) through (g) of this subdivision shall be reported. All incidents involving material incidents of harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination as defined in clause (1)(iv)(d) of this subdivision shall be reported.

(3) Submission of report. Each annual school safety and educational climate incident report shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall contain such information as the commissioner shall prescribe, including but not limited to information on the frequency and types of incidents, offenders, victims and student discipline or referral actions taken, as is available on the date the annual report is submitted. Each school district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and county vocational education and extension board shall annually submit its report on violent or disruptive incidents, in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, on or before the basic educational data system (BEDS) reporting deadline or such other date as determined by the commissioner.

(4) Content of report. Each individual violent or disruptive incident report shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall contain the following information concerning each violent or disruptive incident that occurred in the prior school year:

(i) the number and types of offenders, identified as student, teacher, school safety officer, other school staff, student intruder, visitor, unknown or other;

(ii) if any offender is a student, the age and grade of the student;

(iii) the location at which the incident occurred, including:

(a) the school building in which the incident occurred or whose real property boundary line includes the athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land on which the incident occurred, and whether the incident occurred in a classroom, laboratory, hall, staircase, gymnasium, locker room or pool, cafeteria, bathroom, auditorium, playground or athletic field or otherwise on school grounds; or

(b) where applicable, that the incident occurred on a school bus; or

(c) where applicable, that the incident occurred at a school function conducted off school grounds.

(iv) the types of incident, identified by category listed in clauses (1)(vi)(a) through (i) of this subdivision;

(v) whether the incident occurred during or outside of regular school hours;

(vi) where the incident involves a weapon, whether the weapon was a firearm, knife or other weapon;

(vii) whether the incident was bias-related, drug-related, or gang or group-related;

(viii) the actions taken by the school in response to the incident, including when the incident was reported to police or other law enforcement officials and whether disciplinary action was taken against the offenders;

(ix) any student discipline or referral action taken against a student/offender, including but not limited to an out-of-school suspension, a teacher removal, an involuntary transfer to an alternative placement, an in-school suspension, a referral for community service, a referral for counseling, or a referral to the juvenile justice system or the criminal justice system, and the duration of such action; and

(x) the number and nature of the victims, identified as a student, teacher, school safety officer, other school staff or other and the victim's age and grade where the victim is a student.

(5) Local procedures. The governing body of each school district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and county vocational education and extension board shall establish local procedures for the reporting of violent or disruptive incidents by each building and/or program under its jurisdiction. Such procedures shall assure that copies of each violent or disruptive incident report at the building or program level are retained for period prescribed by the commissioner in the applicable records retention schedule, and are available for inspection by the department upon request; provided that a district or board that adopts an electronic reporting system may fulfill such requirement by retaining an electronic record of the information reported at the building or program level.

(6) Confidentiality. Pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 2802 of the Education Law, all personally identifiable information included in a violent or disruptive incident report shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any person for use by any person for purposes other than the purposes of section 2802 of the Education Law, except as otherwise authorized by law.

(7) School violence index. Each school year, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, the department shall establish a school violence index as a comparative measure of the level of school violence in a school. The school violence index will be computed in accordance with a formula established by the commissioner that takes into account the enrollment of the school and is weighted to reflect the most serious violent incidents, which shall include only the following categories of incidents: homicide, sexual offense, assault, and incidents involving the possession or use of a weapon.

(8) Persistently dangerous schools. For purposes of determining persistently dangerous schools pursuant to section 120.3 of this Subchapter, only the most serious violent incidents, which shall include only the following categories of incidents: homicide, sexual offense, and incidents involving the possession or use of a weapon, as defined in this subdivision, shall be used in making such determination.