

# SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING (SESIR)

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**SESIR Codes and Definitions** The following SESIR definitions were approved by the State Board of Education (Rule 6A-1.0017) to enable school districts to correctly code data used to report incidents that are against the law or represent serious breaches of the code of student conduct. This includes those incidents considered severe enough to require the involvement of a School Resource Officer (SRO) or incidents to be "Reported to Law Enforcement." The following definitions are not intended to be an additional reporting system for law enforcement. **SESIR incidents can involve students, non-students, out-of-district students, school personnel, and/or unknown perpetrators.** When interpreting student behavior for SESIR reporting, consideration should be given to both developmental age-appropriate behavior and to those students with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan.

## Level I

### AGGRAVATED BATTERY (BAT)- LEVEL I

(intentional great bodily harm) A battery where the attacker intentionally or knowingly causes more serious injury, such as: great bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement; uses a deadly weapon; or, where the attacker knew or should have known the victim was pregnant.

### ARSON (ARS)- LEVEL I

(intentionally setting a fire on school property) To intentionally damage or cause to be damaged, by fire or explosion, any dwelling, structure, or conveyance, whether occupied or not, or its contents. Fires that are not intentional, that are caused by accident, or do not cause damage are not required to be reported in SESIR.

### HOMICIDE (HOM)- LEVEL I

(murder, manslaughter) The unjustified killing of one human being by another.

### KIDNAPPING (KID)- LEVEL I

(abduction of an individual) Forcibly, or by threat, confining, abducting, or imprisoning another person against his or her will and without lawful authority.

### SEXUAL BATTERY (SXB)- LEVEL I

(attempted or actual) Forced or attempted oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by using a sexual organ or an object simulating a sexual organ, or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any body part or object. Both males and females can be victims of sexual battery.

## Level II

### BURGLARY (BRK)- LEVEL II

(illegal entry into a facility) Unlawful entry into or remaining in a dwelling, structure, or conveyance with the intent to commit a crime therein.

### DRUG SALE/DISTRIBUTION EXCLUDING ALCOHOL (DRD)- LEVEL II

(illegal sale or distribution of drugs) The manufacture, cultivation, sale, or distribution of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance or substance represented to be a drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.

### PHYSICAL ATTACK (PHA)- LEVEL II

An actual and intentional striking of another person against his or her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual.

### ROBBERY (ROB)- LEVEL II

(using force to take something from another) The taking or attempted taking of anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under the confrontational circumstances of force, or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT (SXA)- LEVEL II

An incident that includes fondling, indecent liberties, child molestation or threatened rape. Both males and females can be victims of sexual assault.

### WEAPONS POSSESSION (WPO)- LEVEL II

(possession of firearms and other instruments which can cause harm) Possession of a firearm or any instrument or object as defined by Section 790.001, F.S., or district code of conduct that can inflict serious harm on another person or that can place a person in reasonable fear of serious harm.

#### RELATED ELEMENTS - FOR EACH SESIR INCIDENT, ANY APPLICABLE "RELATED ELEMENTS"

##### **MUST** ALSO BE REPORTED TO SESIR:

- Alcohol-related
- Bullying-related
- Drug-related
- Gang-related
- Hate Crime-related
- Hazing-related
- Injury-related
- Vaping-related
- Weapon-related

Definitions for all Related Elements may be found in the current SESIR Definitions and Guidelines, and the DOE Information Data Base Requirements, Automated Student Information System, Automated Student Data Elements. Every Weapon Possession incident must be coded as Weapon-related and must include the "Weapon, Description" data element.

## Level III

### DISRUPTION ON CAMPUS-MAJOR (DOC)- LEVEL III

(major disruption of all or a significant portion of campus activities, school-sponsored events, and school bus transportation) Disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, health, safety, or welfare of others. Examples of major disruptions include bomb threats, inciting a riot, or initiating a false fire alarm.

### DRUG USE/POSSESSION EXCLUDING ALCOHOL (DRU)- LEVEL III

(illegal drug possession or use) The use or possession of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance, or any substance when used for chemical intoxication. Use means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation.

### FIGHTING (FIT)- LEVEL III

(mutual combat, mutual altercation) When two or more persons mutually participate in use of force or physical violence that requires either physical intervention or results in injury requiring first aid or medical attention. Lower-level fights, including pushing, shoving, or altercations that stop on verbal command are not required to be reported in SESIR.

### HAZING (HAZ)- LEVEL III

Any action or situation that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student at a school with any of grades 6 through 12 for purposes of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any school-sanctioned organization. Hazing includes, but is not limited to pressuring, coercing, or forcing a student to participate in illegal or dangerous behavior, or any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, or exposure to the elements.

### LARCENY/THEFT (STL)- LEVEL III

(taking of property from a person, building, or a vehicle) The unauthorized taking, carrying, riding away with, or concealing the property of another person, including motor vehicles, without threat, violence, or bodily harm. Incidents that fall below the \$750 threshold are not reportable in SESIR, but instead should be reported as locally-defined incidents according to district policies.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SXH)- LEVEL III

(undesired sexual behavior) Unwanted verbal, nonverbal, or physical behavior with sexual connotations by an adult or student that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment, cause discomfort or humiliation or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation, as defined in Rule 6A-19.008, F.A.C.

### SEXUAL OFFENSES (OTHER) (SXO)- LEVEL III

(lewdness, indecent exposure) Other sexual contact, including intercourse, without force or threat of force. Includes subjecting an individual to lewd sexual gestures, sexual activity, or exposing private body parts in a lewd manner.

### THREAT/INTIMIDATION (TRE)- LEVEL III

(instilling fear in others) An incident where there was no physical contact between the offender and victim, but the victim felt that physical harm could have occurred based on verbal or nonverbal communication by the offender. This includes nonverbal threats and verbal threats of physical harm which are made in person, electronically or through any other means.

### TRESPASSING (TRS)- LEVEL III

(illegal entry onto campus) To enter or remain on school grounds, school transportation, or at a school-sponsored event, without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry.

### VANDALISM (VAN)- LEVEL III

(destruction, damage, or defacement of school or personal property) The intentional destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private/personal property without consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it. (Damage must be \$1000 or more to report in SESIR.)

### OTHER MAJOR (OMC)- LEVEL III

(major incidents that do not fit within the other definitions) Any serious, harmful incident resulting in the need for law enforcement consultation not previously classified. This includes any drug or weapon found unattended and not linked to any individual; such incidents must be coded with the appropriate Related element (such as Drug-related or Weapon-related) and incident involvement must be reported as unknown.

## Level IV

### ALCOHOL (ALC)-LEVEL IV

(possession, use, or sale) Possession, sale, purchase, or use of alcoholic beverages. Use means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation. Alcohol incidents cannot be Drug-related.

### BULLYING (BUL)- LEVEL IV

(intimidating behaviors) Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation. Bullying includes instances of cyberbullying.

### HARASSMENT (HAR)- LEVEL IV

(insulting behaviors) Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school, including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose.

### TOBACCO (TBC)- LEVEL IV

(cigarettes or other forms of tobacco/nicotine) The possession, use, distribution, or sale of tobacco or nicotine products on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or on school transportation by any person under the age of 21. Tobacco incidents cannot be Drug-related.

**REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT** – "Reported to Law Enforcement," means that an official action was taken by a School Resource Officer (SRO) or local Law Enforcement Officer such as: a case number was assigned, a report was filed, a civil citation was issued, an affidavit was filed, an investigation was conducted and found to be an incident reportable to SESIR or an arrest was made. The presence of, notification of, or consultation with a Law Enforcement Officer or SRO, is **not sufficient** for an incident to be coded as "Reported to Law Enforcement." **CONSULTATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT** – A School Resource Office (SRO) or local Law Enforcement Officer was consulted regarding the incident but no official action was taken. ***District zero tolerance policies (s. 1006.13(2), F.S.) identify which incidents require reporting versus consultation.***

**LEVELS I - IV = PRELIMINARY RANK ORDERING OF INCIDENT TYPES FOR SCHOOL REPORTING** - (Level I Incidents are the Most Serious, and Level IV Incidents are the Least Serious). General Rule: When multiple incidents occur at the same time and place, code the incident that is the most serious incident. The incident that caused the most injury or the highest loss of property or monetary cost should be the one reported. The particular context of the incidents should also be considered when determining the level of seriousness. If school personnel determine that an incident ranked at a lower level is more serious than another incident which is ranked higher according to this guide, school personnel should report the incident they judge to be more serious. Any Related Elements that apply must also be reported.

#### DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR SESIR INCIDENTS

The following disciplinary actions are the only actions that should be reported for SESIR incidents. (C) Corporal Punishment; (I) In-School Suspension; (O) Out-of-School Suspension; (H) Suspension Extended, Pending Hearing; (E) Expulsion without Services; (F) Expulsion with Services; (P) Alternative Placement; (U) Change in Placement (not to exceed 45 days) following a drug, weapon, or serious bodily injury offense for students with disabilities only; (S) Other SESIR Defined; (M) Mechanical Restraint; (R) Physical Restraint; (L) Seclusion. These disciplinary actions may also be used for less serious local incidents with the exception of (S) Other SESIR Defined and (U) Change in Placement. Note: Districts are reminded to update code (H) Suspension Extended, Pending Hearing to (E), (F), or (P) for Survey 5 (based on the final outcome of the School Board Hearing).

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