

Discipline Data Coordinators,

To clarify the reporting requirement for the OCR report category of Zero Tolerance Expulsion, here is the complete definition provided by OCR:

Expulsion under zero tolerance policies refers to an action taken by the local educational agency of removing a child from his/her regular school for the remainder of the year or longer because of zero-tolerance policies. A zero tolerance policy is a policy that results in mandatory expulsion of any student who commits one or more specified offenses (e.g., offenses involving guns, or other weapons, or violence, or similar factors, or combinations of these factors). A policy is considered "zero tolerance" even if there are some exceptions to the mandatory aspect of the expulsion, such as allowing the chief administering officer of a local educational agency to modify the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

In the original email I was not clear that the policy must require the expulsion (suspension or assignment to an ALP for remainder of the year or longer) to occur. A policy that gives a range of options for disciplinary actions, including some less severe than the expulsion as defined above, would not be a zero tolerance policy.

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