

Federal Gun Free Schools Act (GFSA) Reporting
Montana 2020-2021 GFSA Gun Related Incidents on School Property

2020-2021 School Year: Montana gun-related incidents on school property: Across Montana during the 2020-2021 school year, less than five schools reported less than 5 students being expelled for bringing a handgun onto school property.

OPI Policy and Federal & State Laws governing GFSA reporting on the OPI Website:

The Montana OPI *Student Records Confidentiality Policy* IV E. 4 states " The OPI will suppress data in the form of percentages when the percentage is 100 percent for any student demographic category. Percentages will also be suppressed whenever the *cell count* that makes up the percent is 5 or fewer".

According to Montana Law: MCA 20-5-202 (8):

"The office of public instruction shall make available on its website the information gathered from school districts that is provided annually to the federal government under the reporting requirements of 20 U.S.C. 7151 (moved to 20 USC §7961), provided that any personally identifiable information is redacted".

"Federal Law: 20 USC §7961. Gun-free requirements

(a) Short title

This subpart may be cited as the "Gun-Free Schools Act".

(b) Requirements

(d) Report to State

Each local educational agency requesting assistance from the State educational agency that is to be provided from funds made available to the State under any subchapter of this chapter shall provide to the State, in the application requesting such assistance-

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

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

(A) the name of the school concerned;

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

(C) the type of firearms concerned".