Reporting Guidance: Discipline Data Collection in the Kansas Integrated Accountability (KIAS) Application

What Data Must Be Reported and When?

The Discipline Data Collection, located within the Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS) web application, requires all accredited school buildings to report data on the following incident:

- Bullying
- Felonies, misdemeanors, and referrals to law enforcement
- Firearms
- All disciplinary removals for students with a disability (IDEA)
- Services during expulsion

Only incidents that apply to one or more of these categories is required to be reported.

All incidents that occurred between July 1 and June 30 of the current school year must be reported. Buildings are welcome to enter and save discipline data in the KIAS web application once the Discipline Data Collection is open for the school year; however, districts must not submit discipline data to KSDE until all reportable incidents for the current school year are entered into KIAS. Once districts are reasonably certain that they have entered all incidents for the current school year, they may submit the Discipline Data Collection to KSDE.

Which Buildings Must Submit the Discipline Data Collection?

The Discipline Data Collection must be submitted by buildings accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education. All accredited buildings must submit a report regardless of whether they have any incidents to report. All reportable discipline data must be submitted by a student’s responsible building. KSDE defines responsible building for a student with a disability and an IEP as the student’s Responsible School Building, as this term is defined in the SPEDPro application. KSDE defines responsible building for a student without a disability and an IEP as the student’s Accountability School Identifier, as this term is defined in the KIDS application. You can find additional information about the applicable SPEDPro definition, https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/SES/MIS/MIS-DD.pdf, and the KIDS definition, https://kidsweb.ksde.org/Documents, on the KSDE website. To access the relevant KIDS document, click on the document labeled Collection System File Specifications for the relevant school year.

Submission of Incidents

If a student attends school in a learning environment that is different than the student’s responsible building:

- the staff in the learning environment where the student attends must collect all documentation of any reportable incidents that occur with that student; and
• submit the documentation to the student’s responsible building (as defined above) in time for that responsible building to submit its Discipline Data Collection to KSDE. To be clear, reportable discipline incidents for a specific student should not be submitted by a student’s attendance building, unless the student’s attendance building is also the student’s responsible building. KSDE staff will periodically request data on a random basis from certain learning environments, as well as a student’s responsible building to ensure the student’s responsible building is submitting all reportable discipline incidents to KSDE for all students for which it is responsible. Following are some clarifying examples:

Example 1: A student is being transported between his or her responsible building to another location. The student initiates a reportable discipline incident during the transport. The student’s responsible building is required to report the incident in the Discipline Data Collection in the KIAS web application. If the student departs from home, then the student’s responsible/accountability school is required to report the incident in the Discipline Data Collection in the KIAS web application.

Example 2: A student initiates a reportable discipline incident while attending an extracurricular activity in another location. The student’s responsible building is required to enter the discipline data; therefore, the student’s responsible/accountability school will report the incident in the Discipline Data Collection in the KIAS web application. When students are out of the district for school sponsored extracurricular, academic, or athletic activities, and initiate a reportable discipline incident, the student’s responsible/accountability school is responsible for reporting discipline data.

Example 3: A student is placed in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF—Kansas Department of Corrections, parental, Kansas Department of Children and Families, or Local Education Agency (LEA) contracted placement), hospital, or other residential or day school program. The student initiates a reportable discipline incident. All reportable discipline incidents must be reported through the student’s responsible building.

Example 4: A student initiates a reportable discipline incident while attending an Early Childhood Education Center. If a student attends an early childhood program that is not a student’s responsible building, then staff with the early childhood program:

1. Must collect all documentation of any reportable discipline incidents that occur with that student and
2. Submit that documentation to the student’s responsible building (as defined above) in time for that responsible building to submit its Discipline Data Collection to KSDE.

If staff with the early childhood program are unsure as to which building is the student’s responsible building (as defined above), then they should ask district administration for guidance.

Example 5: A student brings an electronic cigarette or tobacco products to class. The student is sent to the office where one day of in-school suspension is assigned. This discipline incident is not required to be reported because these items do not fall within the definition of “drugs.” Please see the Data definitions document for other relevant definitions, Discipline Data Definitions.
Example 6: A student with a disability and an IEP brings illegal drugs to a school-sponsored event outside of the school day. Law enforcement is called. The school district assigns two days of out-of-school suspension.

The discipline incident would be reported in two categories of the Discipline Data Collection. Since a referral was made to law enforcement, the question “Do you have an incident where the district reported a felony, misdemeanor, or explosives, firearms, or other weapons to law enforcement?” needs to be marked yes. After selecting yes for this question, another box of questions will appear. Please indicate the category, time/place, and resulting actions of the discipline incident.

The incident would also be reported under the question “Do you have an incident to report involving a child with a disability (IDEA)?” Since the student has a disability, this would need to be marked yes. Please indicate the number of days of removal and the reasons for the removal. In this example, the student would have two days in the out-of-school suspension box and would have a checkmark in the Drugs category for reasons of removal.

Example 7: A student is expelled for violating the district code of conduct and then leaves the district to attend another district.

Expulsion is defined as “an action taken by the LEA removing a child from his/her regular school for disciplinary purposes for the remainder of the school year or longer. In no case may an expulsion exceed 186 school days. Include removals that are modified to less than 365 days.”

If a student is expelled and subsequently leaves the district, the district should report the number of days that the district expelled the student. If a student is expelled and the expulsion is modified to another disciplinary outcome, the incident should be reported to include both the days the student was actually expelled and the days of the other disciplinary outcome, if reportable. Regardless of whether a student left a district after an expulsion or if the expulsion was later changed, the days of expulsion are required to be reported.

Example 8: Student’s Responsible Building Changes during a Reporting Period.

If a student’s Responsible School Building Changes during a reporting period, the student’s Responsible Building at the time of the incident must report the incident to KSDE.

Example 9: Relevant Dates to Reporting Discipline Incidents for a Student with a Disability (IDEA).

If a student is suspended or expelled for an incident that occurred prior to the determination that a student had a disability and needed special education and related services under the IDEA, the incident is not reportable in the Discipline of Students with Disabilities (IDEA) section. Depending on the facts of the incident, it may still be reportable under another relevant section of the Discipline Data Collection. If a student is suspended or expelled for an incident that occurred after a student properly discontinues or exits services under the IDEA, the incident is not reportable in the Discipline of Students with Disabilities (IDEA) section, but all suspensions and expulsions that occurred with the student when the student was designated as a student with a disability (IDEA), must be reported.

A match is done between the date of the incident listed in the Discipline Data Collection and the Services Lines in the SPEDPro application. A report of mismatches between these dates is located by navigating to the KIAS Reports section in the left menu bar and then clicking the link for Discipline IDEA Data Validation Report. This report shows the user which students and incidents do not have a corresponding match for IEP service lines (gifted service lines are excluded) in the SPEDPro application on the date of
the discipline incident. If this report alerts the user to data that does not match data in the SPEDPro application, before editing the Discipline Data Collection, please check with the person who enters special education data for the district into the SPEDPro application to ensure changes are made in the correct application.

**Important Information**

1. To access the KIAS web application, once you have registered, go to KSDE’s web applications page at https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx.
2. Additional documents to assist with reporting are available on the Discipline Data Collection page of the KSDE website, https://www.ksde.org/Discipline-Data-Collction or by clicking Help in the left menu bar when logged into the KIAS web application.

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