

ARRS: Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-related Arrests

Module Instructions

DATES

The data reported should be based on the entire 2023–24 regular school year, not including intersession or summer.

WHEN to REPORT ZERO (0) and WHEN to USE BLANKS (i.e., NULL VALUES)

Zeros represent an actual count or number for fields that are applicable to a given school or LEA. Report a zero (“0”) only if the LEA has collected the information and the amount to report for that field is zero. Do not report a “0” for data not collected. Leave a field blank if the LEA does not know the answer, does not collect data for that field, or if the question does not apply to the LEA. For additional information, go to:

<https://crdc.communities.ed.gov/services/PDCService.svc/GetPDCDocumentFile?fileId=46278>.

NOT APPLICABLE (NA) and ZERO (0) AUTOFILLS IN TABLES

The online tool remembers information that has been entered in other tables and modules and uses that information to fill related tables with either a Not Applicable (NA) code or zero (0) where appropriate. For example, if it is reported that a school does not have any female students who are EL, then other tables that ask for counts of female students who are EL will be automatically filled with a zero.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Referral to law enforcement is an action by which a student is reported by a school official or that official’s designee to any law enforcement agency or official, such as a school police unit, for an incident that occurs on school grounds, during school-related events (in-person or remote), or while taking school transportation, regardless of whether official action is taken. Citations, tickets, court referrals, and school-related arrests are considered referrals to law enforcement.

School official or official’s designee refers to a school administrator, or a school employee, or third party who is instructed or authorized by a school administrator to report a student to law enforcement.

School-related arrest occurs when a law enforcement officer takes a student into custody, and intends to or appears to intend to seek charges against the student for a specific offense or offenses for any school-related activity. School-related activities include any activity conducted on school grounds, during off-campus school activities (in-person or remote), while taking school transportation, or due to a referral by any school official or that official’s designee. All school-related arrests are considered referrals to law enforcement.

A law enforcement officer includes a sworn or unsworn law enforcement officer. A sworn law enforcement officer is a person who is authorized to make arrests while acting within the scope of explicit legal authority. This officer is responsible for safety and crime prevention and may respond to calls for service and document incidents that occur within their jurisdiction. This officer may be a school resource officer (who has specialized training and is assigned to work in collaboration with school organizations). An unsworn law enforcement officer typically does not have arrest authority, but otherwise holds limited law enforcement powers and responsibilities as part of their regular duties. This officer’s law enforcement powers and responsibilities may include investigative and enforcement activities. A law enforcement officer may be employed by any entity (e.g., police department, school district or school). An officer’s duties may include: motor vehicle traffic control; security enforcement and patrol; maintaining student discipline; identifying problems in the school and proactively seeking solutions to those problems; training teachers and staff in school safety or crime prevention; mentoring students; teaching a law-related education course or training students (e.g., drug-related education, criminal law, or criminal prevention courses); recording or reporting discipline problems to school authorities; and providing information to school authorities about the legal definitions of behavior for recording or reporting purposes (e.g., defining assault for school authorities).

Nonbinary means not exclusively male or female. Transgender students may be reported as male, female, or nonbinary.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A student referred to law enforcement includes a student sent to meet with a law enforcement agency or official because of a school-related incident, a student reported to law enforcement because of a school-related incident, and a student who has direct interactions with law enforcement because of a school-related incident.

Referrals may include referrals made to sworn or unsworn law enforcement officers from various agencies.

Referrals include formal referrals and informal referrals that are not part of an official report.

A student who is handcuffed and removed from the classroom (in-person or remote) or school premises should be reported as referred to law enforcement and as a student who received a school-related arrest.

A student who is not handcuffed but is removed from the classroom (in-person or remote) or school premises by a law enforcement officer who takes the student into custody, and who intends to or appears to intend to seek charges against the student for a specific offense or offenses, should be reported as referred to law enforcement and as a student who received a school-related arrest.

A student who is not handcuffed but is removed from the classroom (in-person or remote) or school premises by a law enforcement officer who takes the student into custody for the student's own protection, should be reported as referred to law enforcement, but not as a student who received a school-related arrest.

For a school that already disaggregates student enrollment data to include nonbinary students, the nonbinary category in the Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-related Arrests module is **REQUIRED**.

For a school that does NOT already disaggregate student enrollment data to include nonbinary students, the nonbinary category in the Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-related Arrests module is **SKIPPED**.

ARRS-1: Instances of Referrals to Law Enforcement OPTIONAL FOR 2021–22, REQUIRED FOR 2023–24

Schools, grades K-12, UG

Instructions

- An instance refers to a single occurrence.
- Report the number of instances of referrals to law enforcement, not the number of students referred to law enforcement.
- For a student who receives multiple referrals to law enforcement, each referral to law enforcement occurrence should be counted as an instance of a referral to law enforcement. For example, for a student who receives a referral to law enforcement in the fall, and a referral to law enforcement in the spring, the referrals to law enforcement would be considered two instances.

For the regular 2023–24 school year, not including intersession or summer, enter the number of instances of [referrals to a law enforcement agency or official](#) in grades K-12 (or the [ungraded equivalent](#)).

	Students without Disabilities	Students with Disabilities (IDEA)	Students with Disabilities (Section 504 only)
Number of instances of referrals to law enforcement			

ARRS-2: Students without Disabilities – Referred to Law Enforcement

Schools, grades K-12, UG

Instructions

- Report the number of students referred to law enforcement, not the instances of referrals.

- For the regular 2023–24 school year, not including intersession or summer, enter the number of students without disabilities in grades K-12 (or the [ungraded](#) equivalent) who were [referred to a law enforcement agency or official](#).

ARRS-3: Students with Disabilities – Referred to Law Enforcement

Instructions

- For the regular 2023–24 school year, not including intersession or summer, enter the number of students with disabilities in grades K-12 (or the [ungraded](#) equivalent) by [IDEA](#), [EL](#) or [Section 504](#) status as specified, who were [referred to a law enforcement agency or official](#).

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	IDEA Hispanic or Latino of any race	IDEA American Indian or Alaska Native	IDEA Asian	IDEA Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	IDEA Black or African American	IDEA White	IDEA Two or more races	Total Students with Disabilities (IDEA)	EL Students with Disabilities	Students with Disabilities (Section 504 only)
Nonbinary students with disabilities who were referred to a law enforcement agency or official:										
Total number of students with disabilities who were referred to a law enforcement agency or official:										

ARRS-4: Instances of School-Related Arrests OPTIONAL FOR 2021–22, REQUIRED FOR 2023–24

Schools, grades K-12, UG

Instructions

- An instance refers to a single occurrence.
- Report the number of instances of school-related arrests, not the number of students who received a school-related arrest.
- For a student who receives multiple school-related arrests, each school-related arrest occurrence should be counted as an instance of a school-related arrest. For example, for a student who receives a school-related arrest in the fall, and a school-related arrest in the spring, the school-related arrests would be considered two instances.

For the regular 2023–24 school year, not including intersession or summer, enter the number of instances of [school-related arrests](#) in grades K-12 (or the [ungraded](#) equivalent).

	Students without Disabilities	Students with Disabilities (IDEA)	Students with Disabilities (Section 504 only)
Number of instances of school-related arrests			

ARRS-5: Students without Disabilities – School-Related Arrest

Schools, grades K-12, UG

Instructions

- Report the number of students receiving school-related arrests, not the instances of arrests.
- School-related arrest is a subset of referral to law enforcement. Therefore, a student counted in the “school-related arrest” table should also be counted in the “referred to law enforcement” table.
- School-related arrests are typically made by [sworn law enforcement officers](#).
- Off-campus school activities may involve remote instruction provided by teachers who are in a different location than their students.

For the regular 2023–24 school year, not including intersession or summer, enter the number of students without disabilities in grades K-12 (or the [ungraded](#) equivalent) who received a [school-related arrest](#).

