

Firearm Laws: Zero Tolerance Laws for Firearms in Schools

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition

Laws such as the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 require that participating schools expel for ≥ 1 year students identified as carrying a firearm in school. Laws that stipulate zero tolerance of firearms in schools might reduce school violence by removing potentially violent students, and by deterring the carrying of guns in schools.

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We found no study assessing the effects of zero tolerance laws on violence in schools.

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