



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Revising the Unsafe School Choice Option Policy

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New Jersey USCO: Policy Provision I

Persistently Dangerous Schools

2003 to Current	2016 Proposed
7 or more Category A and/or Index of 1.0 or higher Category B (# of incidents / square root school enrollment) for 3 consecutive years	More than 3 incidents that meet at least 1 of the criteria <u>and</u> an incident rate of 1 incident for every 100 students (1%) OR 9 or more incidents, for 3 consecutive years
Firearm offense (sale/distribution, possession, or use of handgun, rifle, air gun, or bomb) (Cat A)	Firearm offense (sale, distribution, possession, or use of handgun, rifle, air gun, or bomb)
Assault on school staff (Cat A)	Assault on school staff with minor injury
Simple assault (Cat B), assault with weapon, or assault with injury	Assault with major or serious bodily injury
Gang fight (Cat B)	Fight with major or serious bodily injury
Robbery/Extortion (Cat B)	Robbery/Extortion
Sex Offense (Cat B)	Sexual Assault
Arson (Cat B)	Arson with a victim
Possession or sale of a weapon (Cat B)	Weapon use (not limited to handguns, rifles, knives, razor blades, clubs, chains, tear gas, etc.)
Criminal Threat (Cat B)	Criminal Threat
Sale/distribution of drugs (Cat B)	(Removed)
Harassment, intimidation, and bullying (Cat B)	(Removed)
	Kidnapping

Proposed Timeline for Phased-in Implementation

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Early Notification (1 year)	New criteria	New criteria	New criteria
Early Warning (2 years)	2015-16 Prior criteria 2016-17 New criteria	New criteria	New criteria
Persistently Dangerous (3 years)	2014-15 Prior criteria 2015-16 Prior criteria 2016-17 New criteria	2015-16 Prior criteria 2016-17 New criteria 2017-18 New criteria	New criteria