Cherry Hill School District

Annual Violence, Vandalism, Weapons & Substance Use Report
Student Safety Data System
2019–2020 School Year

Presented to the BOE on November 24th, 2020
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Impact of Covid 19

- Numbers substantially down due to school closure on 3/13/20
- 1 HIB alleged incident reported after schools closed
- Only HIB/Alleged HIB are reported if they occur off school property.
The Cherry Hill School District’s Annual Violence Report is submitted each year at a public meeting to the school district’s administration and to the members of the Board of Education. The annual report reflects a summary of incidents that were reported during the 2019-2020 school year. The types of incidents reported during the school year are listed under the heading of six major categories:

- Violence
- Vandalism
- Weapons
- Substances
- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)
- Alleged HIB

The Annual Violence report also tracks the trend of incidents that have occurred over a five-year period. The tracking of reported incidents, over an extended period of time, has proven to be a more accurate assessment in an effort to identify a pattern of disruptive behavior that tends to be repetitive.
What's New In SSDS (Review)
Prior to 2017 – 18 School Year

- HIB Alleged category added

- Incident changes in Vandalism Category
  - Burglary (removed)
  - Fireworks (removed)
  - Computer Trespass (added)

- Incidents combined in the Violence Category
  - Robbery/Extortion now 1 category
  - Bomb Threat, Fake Bomb and Fire Alarm offenses now combined into False Public Alarm Category
  - Sex offenses have been broken down into 2 categories; Sexual Assault and Sexual Contact to align with NJ Criminal Law Title 2C

- Substances Use now 2 categories
  - Substance Use Confirmed
  - Substance Use Expected, Refused Exam
### Total Incidents Reported

- **Overview** -

This year’s annual violence report reflects the total number of incidents reported for the 2019/20 school year. The DOE has still not developed the sub category reports.

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** Includes 2 incidents that were reported in 2 separate categories
HIB Incidents
2019/2020

There were 31 HIB Confirmed incidents reported this year in comparison to 96 incidents reported the previous year.

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The Administration is committed to implementing pro-active initiatives that foster a civil and productive learning environment for students and staff.

• On-going HIB Training, sponsored by the NJDOE or provided by the school district, on Anti-Bullying Rights Law, HIB behaviors and required reporting procedures for HIB.
• In district protocols developed to clarify HIB reporting criteria.
• Presentations and programs presented to students and staff during the commemoration of “Week of Respect”
Safe School Practices

The following measures reflect an overall review of the safe school initiatives that have been implemented over the past years:

• Strong emphasis on Character Education – teaching students to be responsible young adults
• Mandatory annual review of the district’s Crisis Management Plan
• Continued campus visits by CHPD
• Mandatory training for CPO’s. (De-escalation training, SRO certification, cultural proficiency, in-service training with CHPD)
• School Safety Specialist continuing training required by DOE
• Student and staff photo IDs
Safe School Practices
(Cont’d)

• Development of a CHPS Behavioral Threat Assessment data collection program
• Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherry Hill Police Department and CCPO
• Access to CHPD records management/computer aided dispatch program
• Megan’s Law notification protocol
• Continue practice of conducting monthly security and fire drills
• Maintain the school district’s building alarm code system for designated employees
• Passive Alcohol Sensor Program – administered at high school dances and proms
• Health Education Curriculum - educating students as to the dangers of drugs, alcohol, internet safety and cyber bullying
Safe School Practices

(Cont’d)

• District wide protocol for all exterior and classroom doors to remain in a locked position at all times

• Alyssa's Law compliance completed. Direct 911 access to PD

• Expansion of swipe card entry system, lockdown buttons and security cameras

• “Stop the Bleed’ program in place

• New visitor tags

• Incident command System Training with CHPD/CHFD

• Internal Affairs function as required by CCPO

• Resiliency program initiated
Stakeholders

- Board of Education
- Parents and Students
- Teachers/Staff
- School Administrators
- PTA Representatives
- Campus Police Officers/Security Staff
- CHPD/CHFD/Township
- Community