Cherry Hill School District

Annual Violence, Vandalism, Weapons & Substance Use Report
Student Safety Data System
2018–2019 School Year

Presented to the BOE on November 11th, 2019
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Introduction

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 2018-2019 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)

- 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
This year’s annual violence report reflects the total number of incidents reported for the 2018/19 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

## 2018/2019

There were 96 **HIB Confirmed incidents** reported this year in comparison to 80 incidents reported the previous year.

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**TOTAL ALLEGED HIB INCIDENTS 2018/19:** 94, **2017/18:** 236

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”
- As of 2017-18 school year, the tracking of **alleged** HIB incidents
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
• CHPD social media safety presentation
• Annual review of the district’s Crisis Management Plan
• Expansion of the Campus Police Officer program to the Middle/Elementary level
• All Campus Police Officers are armed
• Continued campus visits by CHPD
• Mandatory training for CPO’s. (De-escalation training, SRO certification)
• School Safety Specialist training required by DOE
• Student and staff photo IDs
Safe School Practices
(Cont’d)

• Referrals to SAC – at risk students referred to counseling staff

• 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

• Zero Tolerance for all Weapons and Substance Abuse category offenses

• 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

• Conducted drills during unconventional times (Lunch/Recess)

• Security blinds installed on all classroom doors

• “Stop the Bleed’ program initiated

• New visitor tags

• Incident command System Training with CHPD/CHFD

• Internal Affairs function

• 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