

Cherry Hill School District

Student Safety Data System Report 2021–2022 School Year

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Impact of Covid 19

- Numbers substantially in down in 2019-2020 school year due to school closure on 3/13/20
- 2020-2021 school year 14 total incidents, 22 alleged HIB, 8 confirmed HIB
- Only HIB/Alleged HIB are reported if they occur off school property.

Introduction

The Cherry Hill School District's SSDS 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 2021-2022 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

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 2 categories
 - Substance Use Confirmed
 - Substance Use Suspected, 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.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
Violence	29	64	24	5	64
Vandalism	8	12	4	0	9
Weapons	3	5	1	0	14
Substance Use	13	33	9	1	39
HIB Confirmed	<u>80</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>73</u>
TOTAL	131*	210	69**	14**	194***

*Includes 2 incidents that were reported in 2 separate categories

**COVID 19 substantially affected school year

***Includes 5 incidents that were reported in 2 separate categories

HIB Incidents

2021/2022

There were **73 HIB Confirmed incidents** reported this year in comparison to 96 incidents reported the previous **full** school year (2018-19).

	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
TOTAL HIB INCIDENTS	96	31	8

TOTAL ALLEGED HIB INCIDENTS: 2021/22: 88, 2020/21: 22, 2019/20: 53

Last full school year: 2018/19: 94

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.

State Mandated Actions

- Threat assessment teams will be required by state law to be in place for the 22/23 school year
- Body Worn Cameras
 - Not in buildings during the school day
 - Any extracurricular activity (Required)

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

Safe School Practices

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- Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherry Hill Police Department and CCPO
- Access to CHPD records management/computer aided dispatch program
- Direct communication between Campus Police and CHPD
- Megan's Law notification protocol
- Continue practice of conducting monthly security and fire drills
- Passive Alcohol Sensor Program – administered at high school dances and proms

Safe School Practices

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- 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
- Completion of swipe card entry system, lockdown buttons and security cameras
- “Stop the Bleed’ program in place
- Incident command System Training with CHPD/CHFD
- Internal Affairs function as required by CCPO/NJOAG
- Resiliency program

Stakeholders

Board of Education

Parents and Students

Teachers/Staff

School Administrators

PTA Representatives

Campus Police Officers/Security Staff

CHPD/CHFD/Township

Community