



2023-2024 Waterbury SRO Annual Report

The following represents the 2023-2024 annual report of the School/Police Collaboration Team activities as directed by the memorandum of agreement by and between the Waterbury Board of Education and the Waterbury Police Department.

Arrests in the school district were drastically reduced during this school year based on procedural changes made regarding police response to schools and more frequent meetings of the School/Police Collaboration Team. This reduction of arrests increased the utilization of current diversionary programs.

At the end of the 2023-2024 and after a complete analysis of the information and data collected throughout this school year, the School/Police Collaboration Team recommends the following;

- That continued frequency of monitoring school-based arrests and SRO activity continues for the 2024-2025 school year
- Restorative justice training be provided for all SROs, youth squad supervisors, detectives, school administrators, and teachers during the 2024-2025 school year
- Continued research and close analysis of the discipline process in the school district
- Analysis of the impact of Yondr Pouches on school safety
- Continued monthly school-based arrest meetings

We look forward to the new school year and the continued success of the School/Police Collaboration Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Darren Schwartz
Interim School Superintendent

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fernando C. Spagnolo".

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	Suspension Rates' Count Total # of Students	%'	In-School Suspension Total Count	Out-of-School Suspension Total Count
2023-2024	2519	13.6	3519	3543

'Suspension Rate equals the number of students reported with at least one suspension (in-school or out-of-school) or expulsion in ED166 Student Disciplinary Offense Data Collection divided by the unduplicated student enrollment count for the school or district across the October, January (until 2016) and June PSIS Collections for the given school year.

To find additional data, please visit: https://public-cdsight.ct.gov/students/suspension-rates?language=en_US

The following student support services were provided for students in 2023-2024.

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Sandy Hook Promise - Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS)	A program that teaches students how to recognize warning signs, signals, and threats from individuals who may want to hurt themselves or others and to <i>Say Something</i> to a trusted adult OR use the Anonymous Reporting System (App, Website, or 24.7 Crisis Telephone Line) to get them help. 100% of schools are established with the Tip Line. 100% of schools trained students to use the service in secondary schools.
Second Step Curriculum for Social Emotional Learning (SEL)	A Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum on a digital platform for staff (SEL for Adults) and students (Grades K-5) to teach staff and students the skills they will need to problem solve, create and maintain healthy relationships, have empathy for others and manage their own emotions. K-5 buildings (19) implemented 82% of lessons for the year (as per the pacing and unit guide).
Community Mental Health Affiliates (CMHA)	Provide Bounce Back and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma In Schools (CBITS), which are school-based, group and individual interventions designed to reduce symptoms of trauma. Bounce Back is provided in three K-5 buildings (Tinker, Sprague, Bunker Hill) and one Pre-K-8 Building (Reed). CBITS groups are provided in four secondary schools (Wallace, Westside, Enlightenment, and Crosby).



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Crisis Intervention Team for Youth (C-I-T-Y)	Two bilingual C.I.T. Youth Social Workers assist the Waterbury Police Department with crisis calls involving youth during evening shifts alongside responding Waterbury police officers.
Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR)	<p>Success Always Follows Education (SAFE) program -</p> <p>Support teens in focusing on the ability to make good decisions about identified life options.</p> <p>Promote positive growth & development of youth.</p> <p>Behavioral Health Clinicians</p> <p>Caseload 20-25 students</p> <p>24 hours on call</p> <p>Improve student attendance</p> <p>Added layer of support to teachers & support staff</p> <p>PPTs, facilitate groups, case management & outreach, crisis intervention</p> <p>Professional learning for staff (mental health-related topics)</p> <p>Remove barriers to services</p> <p>Individual, group & family counseling</p> <p>Wellness Center Access (w/parental consent)</p> <p>Psychiatric services</p> <p>Summer/vacation support</p>
Department of Children and Families (DCF)	<p>Three Family Support Liaisons are assigned to provide:</p> <p>Training, education, & professional development to staff and families regarding prevention services.</p> <p>Connect families with outside supports and services.</p> <p>(Reed, Generali, Buck Hill)</p>
Varsity Tutors	Varsity Tutors provided high-dose virtual, small group tutoring tutoring in math and reading for grades four and five. Additionally, grades two through twelve students had access to 24/7 online virtual tutoring. The service also included unlimited access to the Varsity Tutors Learning Lab.



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SSA (Student Success Agency)	<p>Student Success Agency provides students with access to a digital platform. Agents were available after school and on the weekends to provide students with the resources and opportunities to succeed.</p> <p><u>2023-2024 School Year</u></p> <p>Students Serviced: 3,698 Mentoring: 141,319 minutes College and Career Readiness: 18, 530 minutes Financial Aid Coaching: 18, 390 minutes Tutoring: 457 sessions, average 45 minutes per session Mental Health Cases: 16 diffused</p>
School Counselors	All schools have access to school counselors, and high schools have access to college and career coordinators.

CIT Youth Data 23-24													
CIT Youths Working-2	July 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	March 24	April 24	May 24	June 24	Totals
Dispatched Calls	5	10	17	12	15	10	9	9	14	19	23	16	159
Police Reports	29	36	50	68	44	40	45	54	64	61	65	41	597
Follow Up Phone Calls	33	52	70	83	69	56	69	70	70	83	77	31	763
Follow-Ups In Person	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Connections to Care	25	36	49	58	38	45	49	45	53	29	63	41	531
Arrest (case number)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Training/Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Connected to School	4	8	10	14	10	11	14	6	6	4	14	5	106
Other Data													
Male	19	21	31	39	21	27	23	28	33	34	38	19	333
Female	10	14	24	37	24	15	22	29	27	30	28	25	285
Trans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
White	2	16	8	13	10	5	5	8	11	10	9	5	102



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Black	14	5	26	29	10	20	17	32	32	22	19	14	240
Hispanic	13	13	18	33	25	16	21	15	27	31	36	23	271
Other Race	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	16
SI	5	4	15	14	9	9	12	16	7	17	19	17	144
HI	0	0	5	3	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	3	21
Behavioral/MH	11	27	24	35	24	20	22	17	24	25	32	18	279
Runaway	5	4	3	2	5	1	4	3	3	4	3	1	38
DV	4	0	4	9	2	3	0	10	6	11	4	1	54
Other	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	7	17	2	5	2	51

Waterbury Police Department

23-24 Data

Arrest	27
SRO Mediations	178
KIDS	52
JRB	84