

# **Cherry Hill School District**

## **Student Safety Data System Report 2023 – 2024 Academic Year**

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# Overview of SSDS

The Cherry Hill School District's SSDS Report is submitted each year at a public meeting to the school district's administration, the community and to the members of the Board of Education. The annual report reflects a summary of incidents that were reported during the 2023-2024 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

# Total Incidents Reported

- Overview -

This year's annual SSDS report reflects the total number of incidents reported for the 2023/2024 school year.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Violence	24	5	64	41	29
Vandalism	4	0	9	1	2
Weapons	1	0	14	4	8
Substance Use	9	1	39	33	58
HIB Confirmed	<u>31</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>87</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>199*</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>184</b>

# Alleged HIB Incidents

HIB alleged last 5 academic years

2023 - 2024: 189

2022 - 2023: 170

2021 - 2022: 88

2020 - 2021: 22

2019 - 2020: 53

HIB training programs are required to be tracked and reported to the DOE. District wide, 110 HIB Training Programs were conducted in the 2023-24 academic year.

HIB and HIB alleged can occur both on and off school property.

# State Mandated Actions

- Threat assessment teams are required by state law to be in place for the 23/24 school year
- Body Worn Cameras
  - Not in buildings during the academic day
  - Any extracurricular activity (Required)
  - Arrival and dismissal outside of the building

# 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
- **Law enforcement licensing process completed for Campus Police**

# Safe School Practices

(Cont'd)

- 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 required by the DOE

# Safe School Practices

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- Alyssa's Law compliance/Direct 911 access to PD
- Swipe card entry system, lockdown system and security cameras
- “Stop the Bleed” program in place
- Narcan in all buildings
- Incident command System Training with CHPD/CHFD
- Resiliency program for Campus Police Officers



# Stakeholders

Board of Education

Parents and Students

Teachers/Staff

School/District Administrators

PTA Representatives

Campus Police Officers/Security Staff

CHPD/CHFD/Township

Community

Questions?