

Orange Township Public School District

Student Safety Data System

Report Period I

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Overview of Student Safety Data System

What is Collected ?

- Incidents occurring on school grounds
 - Violence
 - Vandalism
 - Weapons offenses
 - Substance offenses
- Incidents occurring on and off school grounds
 - Harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB)
 - Other incidents leading to removal
- HIB trainings
- HIB programs

When Do We Report ?

- All New Jersey Public Schools must report twice in a school year:
 - Report Period 1: September - December
 - Report Period 2: January – June

Why this Data Collection ?

Federal and State requirements include:

- Unsafe School Choice Option
- Gun Free School Act
- School Performance Report
- Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act
- Other State reporting requirements, including violence, vandalism, substance use

Reporting HIB

- * HIB incidents occurring off-school grounds are reported.
- * HIB incidents in July and August are not reported to SSDS but are locally investigated, documented, and reported to the Board of Education (BOE).
- * Principals or designee, may make a preliminary determination as to whether the reported incident or complaint, assuming all facts presented are true, is a report within the scope of the definition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying under the anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act , N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14.
- * If an investigation concludes that the incident does not meet the definition of HIB, or BOE does not affirm the case as HIB, report as **HIB Alleged**.
- * If an investigation concludes that HIB criteria were met and the incident is affirmed as HIB by the BOE (found to be HIB), report as **HIB Confirmed**.

Reporting Substance Offenses

- Substance Possession
- Substance sale/distribution (act of sale or possession of a large quantity)
- If student is suspected of substance use, arrange for immediate medical examination *N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3(a)2ii*
 - * If exam is refused, report as *Suspected, Refused Exam*
 - * If use is not confirmed by exam, do **not** report
 - * If use is confirmed report *Substance Use*

Incident Types in SSDS

- * Arson
- * Assault
- * Computer Trespass
- * Damage to property
- * False Public Alarm
- * Fight
- * HIB Alleged
- * HIB Confirmed
- * Kidnapping
- * Robbery/Extortion
- * Sexual Contact
- * Sexual Assault
- * Substance Use, Possession, Sale, Suspected
- * Theft
- * Threat – Criminal
- * Trespass
- * Weapon Use, Possession, Sale
- * Other Incident leading to removal

Reporting Firearms

- * **Handgun, rifle, or bomb is a “firearm”**
- * **Air guns** (e.g., pellet guns or bb guns) are firearms according to New Jersey definition
- * ***Zero Tolerance for Guns Act N.J.S.A.18A:37-7 and 8***
 - * Student removed from school for one year
 - * Report to law enforcement
 - * Modification per chief school administrator on case-by-case-basis
- * **Not a firearm**
 - * Toy gun and imitation gun (do not report)
 - * Bomb threat, firearm threat, or fake bomb (report as *False Public Alarm* if they meet that definition)

Orange Public Schools SSDS Prevention Methods

2020-2021

- Restorative Practice
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Character Education
- Social Emotional Learning
- Bullying Prevention
- Substance and Drug Awareness and Prevention for Students, Parents and Community
- Counseling Sessions (Group and/or Individual)
- Note: Though in a virtual space we continue to hold sessions with students and documented accordingly.

