

**January 2022
Violence, Vandalism, & HIB
Presentation
For Reporting Period #1
(July 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2021)**

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Requirements of the Report

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46,
two times each school year:

At a public hearing, the superintendent of schools shall report to the board of education all acts of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying which occurred during the previous reporting period. *The report is based on the acts that require reporting through the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) .*

NJ DOE Dictates What is Mandatory to Report as per State Definition

In-House Reporting vs. SSDS Reporting

All violations of the Student Code of Conduct that are substantiated via investigation with proper due process are reported into the Discipline Log of our Student Information System, Genesis.

In the event a substantiated violation of the Student Code of Conduct meets an Incident Definition then it must be reported to the NJDOE via SSDS.

Reporting Categories

Violence

- Assault
- Criminal Threat
- Extortion
- Fight
- Threat
- Kidnapping
- Robbery
- Sex Offense

Vandalism

- Arson
- Bomb Threat
- Burglary
- Damage to Property
- Fake Bomb
- Fire Alarm
- Fireworks Offense
- Theft
- Trespassing

Substance Abuse

- Use Confirmed
- Possession
- Sale / Distribution

Reporting Categories continued...

Weapons

- Any instrument readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting bodily injury
- Used in Offense
- Sale / Distribution
- A toy gun is no longer considered a weapon; however, an imitation firearm (an object that looks like a real handgun but cannot be fired or converted to a handgun) would be reported

Weapons Possession

- Handgun
- Rifle
- Air Gun, Pellet Gun, BB Gun
- Imitation Firearm (not a toy gun)
- Bomb - Exploded
- Bomb - Unexploded
- Knife, Blade, Razor, Scissors, Box Cutter
- Pin, Sharp Pen/Pencil
- Chain, Club, Brass Knuckles
- Spray

HIB

Under New Jersey law, “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication, whether it is a single incident or a series of incidents, that is:

1	Reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic...
2	Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other pupils...
3	A reasonable person should know under the circumstances will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a pupil or damaging the pupil’s property, or placing a pupil in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils...
4	Creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil’s education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil...

All (4) prongs of the criteria must be met for an HIB policy violation

Conflict vs. HIB*

Conflict

- “Mutually” competitive or opposing action or engagement
- Includes disagreements, arguments, and fights
- A normal part of growing up and of life

HIB

- HIB is one-sided
- One or more students are victims of one or more person’s aggression, as it applies to the HIB definition under the ABR
- The intent is to physically or emotionally hurt someone

HIB Investigations - Reporting Period 1

Case #	Incident Date	Status	Nature of Incident	Investigator	Discipline Imposed	Remedial Measures, Training, Programs Implemented	Evidence of HIB (Y / N)
2122.01	10/4/21	Closed	Bullying	R. Schweitzer	NA	Mediation	N
2122.02	10/29/21	Closed	Bullying	R. Schweitzer	Detention	Mediation / Counseling	Y
2122.03	11/9/21	Closed	Harassment	R. Schweitzer	NA	Mediation / Counseling	N
2122.04	12/2/21	Closed	Bullying & Harassment	R. Schweitzer	NA	Mediation / Review of Safety Patrol Guidelines	N

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Incident Category	Incident Detail
Violence	N/A
Vandalism	N/A
Substance Abuse	N/A
Weapon	N/A
HIB (alleged)	Bullying & Harassment
HIB (confirmed)	Bullying

Category Totals 2020-21 Report Period #1	
Violence	0
Vandalism	0
Substance Abuse	0
Weapon	0
HIB (alleged)	4
HIB (confirmed)	1

Review of SSDS reporting

	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
Violence	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIB (confirmed)	1	1	1	0	1	0	1

*Thank you and if you have any questions regarding this presentation please do not hesitate to contact me at:
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This presentation will also be available on the district site after this evening's Board of Education meeting.