



# Violence & Vandalism

Reporting Requirements

2010-2011

*Hillsborough School District*

*Hillsborough, New Jersey*

# Unduplicated Total

- An unduplicated total does not include incidents for which there was more than one offense. For example, an incident in which there was a robbery and substance abuse would be counted once under violence and once under substance abuse; however, it is only counted as one incident in the total number of incidents.

# Electronic Violence & Vandalism Reporting System (EVRVS)

## ■ Count of Incidents by Reporting Category

	2009-2010	2010-2011
<b>Violence</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Vandalism</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Unduplicated Total</b>	<b><u>36</u></b>	<b><u>72</u></b>

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## ■ Acts of Violence

	09-10	10-11		09-10	10-11
Simple Assault	6	6	Sex Offense	1	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	Criminal Threat	1	0
Fight	2	13	Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Threat	8	18
Robbery	0	0	Kidnapping	0	0
Extortion	0	0	<u>Unduplicated Total:</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>37</u>

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## ■ Vandalism

	09-10	10-11		09-10	10-11
Arson	0	1	Theft	2	3
Burglary	1	0	Fake Bomb	0	0
Damage to Property	2	3*	Bomb Threat	0	0
Fireworks Offense	0	0	Trespassing	1	1
Fire Alarm Offense	0	1*	<u>Unduplicated</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8*</u>
			<u>Total</u>		

\*One incident was both damage to property and fire alarm offense.

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## ■ Weapon

	09-10	10-11		09-10	10-11
<b>Explosive Device</b> (detonated)	0	0	<b>Sale or Transfer of Firearm</b>	0	0
<b>Explosive Device</b> (not detonated but capable)	0	0	<b>Assault with Other Weapon</b>	0	0
<b>Possession of Firearm</b>	0	0	<b>Possession of Other Weapon</b>	2	4
<b>Assault with a Firearm</b>	0	0	<b>Sale or Transfer of Other Weapon</b>	0	0
			<b><u>Unduplicated Total</u></b>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

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## ■ Types of Weapons Reported

	2009-2010	2010-2011
Air Gun /Imitation Gun	0	2
Pocket Knife	1	0
Imitation Knife	0	0
Fishing/Regular Knife	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>

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## ■ Substance Abuse

	09-10	10-11
<b>Use Confirmed</b>	8	13*
<b>Possession</b>	3	9*
<b>Distribution</b>	0	4*
<b>Unduplicated Total</b>	<u>11</u>	<u>23*</u>

\*Several incidents included multiple categories. In the unduplicated count, it is only one offense but must be listed here in all categories that apply.

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- Substance Abuse – Use Confirmed/Possession/Distribution

<u>Use Confirmed</u>	<u>09-10</u>	<u>10-11</u>	<u>Possession/ Distribution</u>	<u>09-10</u>	<u>10-11</u>
Alcohol	1	2	Cocaine	0	0
Cocaine	0	1	Drug Paraphernalia	2	3
Marijuana	6	10	Marijuana	1	10
Unauthorized Prescription Drugs	1	0	Unauthorized Prescription Drugs	2	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>

# Electronic Violence & Vandalism Reporting System (EVRVS)

## ■ Totals by School

	2009-2010	2010-2011
Hillsborough High School	20	43
Hillsborough Middle School	9	19
Auten Road Intermediate	6	7
Amsterdam School	0	0
Hillsborough Elementary	0	0
Sunnymead School	0	0
Triangle School	0	0
Woodfern School	0	0
Woods Road School	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Unduplicated Total	<u>36</u>	<u>72</u>

# Keeping our Schools Safe

- School policies and procedures
- School safety plans
- Character education programs
- Conflict resolution/peer mediation
- Bullying prevention
- Staff training
- Cooperation with Hillsborough Township Police Department and the Hillsborough Township Committee
- Safety and school emergency training with local first responders



# School Safety Survey



- On-line survey administered to parents and staff last month
- Asked about their perceptions of school safety in our buildings with rating scales and open ended questions
- 359 parents responded
- 236 staff responded
- Several examples from each survey are provided



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# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Q6 – Overall I feel that this school is a safe school.

- 34% Strongly Agreed
- 57% Agreed
- 8% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Q7 – School rules seem reasonable.

- 36% Strongly Agreed
- 55% Agreed
- 5% Neutral
- 3% Disagreed
- 1% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

Q8 – Students know what behavior is expected of them.

- 42% Strongly Agreed
- 52% Agreed
- 4% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

Q10 – My child feels safe in the lunchroom.

- 32% Strongly Agreed
- 54% Agreed
- 13% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

Q11 – My child feels safe in the hallways.

- 31% Strongly Agreed
- 57% Agreed
- 10% Neutral
- 2% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

Q13 – School rules are clearly defined and explained so my child understands them.

- 37% Strongly Agreed
- 51% Agreed
- 10% Neutral
- 2% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Q14 – My child feels safe in the classrooms at school.

- 44% Strongly Agreed
- 51% Agreed
- 4% Neutral
- 0% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Q15 – My child's school is prepared for a crisis situation.

- 23% Strongly Agreed
- 48% Agreed
- 26% Neutral
- 3% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

Q16 – If an emergency happened at my child's school, I know where to get accurate information from the school.

- 24% Strongly Agreed
- 50% Agreed
- 16% Neutral
- 7% Disagreed
- 3% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Q17 – My child is aware of emergency procedures in his/her school.

- 21% Strongly Agreed
- 54% Agreed
- 20% Neutral
- 3% Disagreed
- 1% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Parent Responses:

Open ended responses:

- 84 responses to open ended question #1
- 54 responses to open ended question #2
- 24 responses to open ended question #3

These questions asked for clarifications to the survey questions, suggestions for improvement with school safety and information distribution

# School Safety Survey

## Parent Responses:

- Goals of survey –
  1. Gauge parent perceptions of school safety in our buildings
  2. Identify areas we can improve
  3. Get parents to discuss school safety with their children... **“Just spoke to my son** and he is fully aware of what to do if there is an emergency in school”.

# School Safety Survey

Staff Responses:

Section II Q6 – How would you rate the quality of fire and emergency drills in terms of students/staff following instructions and protocols.

- 38% Excellent
- 52% Good
- 3% Neutral
- 6% Fair
- 1% Poor

# School Safety Survey

Staff Responses:

Section III Q1 – This school provides a safe learning environment.

- 47% Strongly Agreed
- 45% Agreed
- 7% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Staff Responses:

Section III Q2 – School safety is important within this school.

- 58% Strongly Agreed
- 37% Agreed
- 3% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

Staff Responses:

Section III Q7 – If an emergency happened in my school, I am aware of and know what actions to take to keep my students and myself safe.

- 40% Strongly Agreed
- 51% Agreed
- 8% Neutral
- 1% Disagreed
- 0% Strongly Disagreed

# School Safety Survey

## Staff Responses:

Section IV Q3 – If your school could perform only one step to improve safety, what would you want it to be?.

- 30% Conduct more safety training for staff
- 20% Provided an open ended response under the “other” section.
- 17% Coordinate with community partners
- 14% Conduct more drills to practice
- 13% Conduct safety training for students and parents
- 6% Rewrite emergency plans

# School Safety Survey

## Staff Responses:

- Goals of survey –
  1. Gauge staff perceptions of school safety in our buildings
  2. Identify areas we can improve
  3. Institute areas of improvement into information distribution, training and emergency plan revisions

# School Safety Survey

## Overall

- Surveys (parent and staff) have provided the district with good information to move forward with our emergency plan revisions, trainings and distribution of information.
- Many open ended responses that will assist us in our efforts and provide clarity to rankings given in the surveys.
- General perceptions are positive about school safety and the efforts of the district to make a safe learning environment for all.