

**Jackson School District
Semi-Annual Report of
Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse, and Weapons
Offenses in the Jackson School District**

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***Report Period 1
September– December 2023***

Background and Overview

State of NJ Data began collecting this data in March 2002

Objective is to collect and report incident data concerning serious student misconduct in the areas of:

- Violence
- Vandalism
- HIB
- Weapons
- Substance Abuse

Type of Incident	Number of Incidents Sept-Dec 2022	Number of Incidents Sept-Dec 2023
Violence	10	11
Vandalism	3	5
HIB Reports Investigated	40	40
Weapons	0	6
Substance Abuse	70	41

Violence Reports- Elementary

School	Fights	Simple Assault	Threats	Sexual Offense	HIB Reports Investigated
Crawford	0	0	0	0	6
Elms	0	0	0	0	0
Holman	0	0	0	0	6
Johnson	0	0	0	0	3
Rosenauer	0	0	0	0	0
Switlik	0	0	0	0	2
Elementary Total	0	0	0	0	17

Violence- Secondary

School	Fights	Simple Assault	Threats	Sexual Offense	HIB Reports Investigated
Goetz	2	0	0	0	2
McAuliffe	1	1	0	0	10
Liberty	3	2	0	0	6
Memorial	1	1	0	0	5
Secondary Total	7	4	0	0	23

Vandalism and Substance Abuse Sept – Dec 2023

Vandalism Incidents	
School	Number of Incidents
JMHS	3
Goetz	2
All Other Schools	0

Substance – Under influence of	Number of Incidents
Marijuana	20
Alcohol	0
Prescription Drug	0
Substance suspected/refused exam	0

Substances – Possession of...	Number of Incidents
Marijuana	19
Drug Paraphernalia	13
Alcohol	0
Designer/Synthetic Drug	1

Weapons Offenses – All Schools

- **Weapons** include any instrument readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting bodily injury, but the category is not limited to: handguns, rifles, knives; clubs; chains; sling shots; leather bands studded with metal filings; razor blades; stun guns; and any device that projects, releases, or emits tear gas or any other substance (e.g., pepper spray) that is intended to produce temporary discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.
- A toy gun is not considered a weapon and its possession would not be reported. An imitation firearm (e.g., an object that looks like a real handgun but cannot be fired or converted to a handgun) would be reported.

Number of Incidents
Sept - Dec 2023

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Action Taken by School District for Reportable Violence and Vandalism Offenses

Action	Number of Incidents Sept-Dec 2022	Number of Incidents Sept-Dec 2023
Police Notified (NO complaint filed)	37	24
Police Notified (complaint filed)	1	0
In School Suspension	2	3
Out of School Suspension	214 (total days suspended)	231 (total days suspended)

Impacted Students	Sept-Dec 2022	Sept.-Dec 2023
Student Offenders	54	53
Student Victims	1	3

District Substance Use Increase- Factors

In 2021, Governor Murphy signed the law for the legalization of Marijuana and Hashish for Recreational Use. Since then, (102) Medicinal and Recreational Dispensaries are actively operating in New Jersey, and the number is increasing.

- **Wide variety of E-Cigarettes/Vapes Products**
 - Different shapes, sizes, styles and colors are easy to conceal and often difficult to detect
- **Various Types of Products Enable Use of Illicit Drugs**
 - Disposable, Pods, Mods, Box Mods, Pens, Nicotine Vapes and Cannabis/CBD Vapes
- **Products Are Seemingly Readily Available To Underage Students**
 - Vape Shops and Online Sites

2022- (NYTS)- National Youth Tobacco Survey

More than 1 in 10 middle and high school students (3.08 million) reported using a tobacco product in the last 30 days. 16.5% of high school students and 4.5% of middle school students. Most commonly used product was the E-Cigarette/Vape.

Responding To Increased Substance Abuse

- Continued **education of students** focused on the dangers and negative impact of substance abuse
- **Increased visibility of School Security and staff supervision** in hallways during school hours
- **Frequent checks of all areas of the building** throughout the day to deter Substance Use or Vaping and possession by our students
- **Focused checks on restrooms**, stairwells and other areas that have been identified and associated with Substance Use or Vaping.
- **Heightened awareness** for students exhibiting signs of Substance Use during school hours
- **Information sharing** between Administrators, School Security, and School Resource Officers to identify concerns and deter these behaviors in our schools