

Incident Detail: EVVRS Incident Definitions

	<p>The EVVRS collects information on incidents that fall under the categories defined below. A school's Student Codes of Conduct may specify consequences for other behaviors for which the school may be collecting data. Incidents should not be reported on the EVVRS solely because the school collects the information or imposes consequences for a specific behavior. Schools should only report the incidents required and as defined under the EVVRS.</p>
	<p>In most instances, if more than one type of offense occurs within an incident, all types must be reported. You will find the exceptions noted in the EVVRS User Manual, and the system will warn you if you try to make multiple entries that are not allowed. For example, the system will notify you if you attempt to report an incident as both an aggravated assault and assault with a weapon; you must choose one.</p>
	<p>If more than one person is involved in an incident, the incident should be reported once. For example, if two students are fighting, the incident is reported as one fight.</p>
	<p>For those offenses marked with an asterisk (*), the victim may be considered the victim of a violent crime and should be indicated as such on the Victim Information Page of the EVVRS if the person is determined to be a victim under the Unsafe School Choice Option Policy. Contacts with law enforcement regarding these incidents should be indicated in the Police Notification field under Header Information on the Incident Information Page and must be done pursuant to statute and code and in accordance with the Local Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.</p>

Violence Incident	
<p>Simple Assault*</p>	<p>A person attempts to cause, or purposely, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another. One needs to consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category.</p>
<p>Aggravated Assault*</p>	<p>A person attempts to cause <u>serious</u> bodily injury to another, or causes such injury purposely or knowingly, or under circumstances manifesting indifference to the value of human life, recklessly causes such injury (e.g., injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ). This category should be used only when the attack is very serious. A homicide would be reported in the aggravated assault category.</p>
<p>Fight</p>	<p>Mutual engagement in a physical confrontation that may result in bodily injury to either party. Does not include verbal confrontations or a minor confrontation such as a shoving match. All participants should be classified as offenders. One needs to consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category.</p>
<p>Gang/Group Fight*</p>	<p>A fight between two or more members of identified groups or an assault by two or more members of one group upon members of another group. The groups may be gangs per se, or cliques or groups of students "working together," even though the groups may not have a formal partnership. If it is a <i>fight</i>, then all participants should be classified as offenders (report a maximum of six offenders on the EVVRS). If the</p>

	incident represents an <i>assault</i> of one group upon another, then the members of one group (a maximum of six) would be reported as offenders and the members of the second group (a maximum of six) would be reported as victims. If the incident was an assault of one group upon another, then, <i>in addition</i> , report the incident as either a "Simple Assault" or an "Aggravated Assault" on the Incident Information Page, depending upon the seriousness of the bodily injury to the victims. If the incident was an assault and weapons of any kind were involved, then, <i>in addition</i> , report the incident as an "Assault with a Firearm" or "Assault with Other Weapon" (but <i>not</i> as a "Simple Assault" or "Aggravated Assault").
Robbery*	Obtaining money or other material things (<u>regardless of value</u>) from another by means of violence or threat of immediate violence.
Extortion*	Obtaining money or other material things (<u>regardless of value</u>) from another by means of stated or implied threat of future violence.
Sex Offense*	Subjecting another to sexual contact or exposure. For the incident to be considered a sex offense, the offender must (1) intentionally touch, either directly or through clothing, the victim's intimate parts, for the purpose of degrading or humiliating the victim; (2) sexually arouse or sexually gratify himself or herself in view of the victim whom the offender knows to be present; (3) force or coerce the victim to participate in any contact or exposure; or (4) commit any act of sexual assault defined under N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2, which includes provisions related to the age of the victim and the offender. Incidents of sexual assault should be reported in this category. Intimate body parts are defined by statute (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-1e) to include "sexual organs, genital area, anal area, inner thigh, groin, buttock or breast of a person." Consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category. <i>Note: Sexual harassment has been added to the reporting system in 2003-2004 under the violence reporting category Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying.</i>
Threat	Attempting by physical menace (e.g., verbal threats) to put another in fear of future serious bodily injury. (Do not include bomb threats in this category.) One needs to consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category.
Terroristic Threat*	Threatening to commit one of the following criminal offenses: homicide, assault, sexual assault, robbery, kidnapping or arson with the purpose of placing others in imminent fear of one of the violent acts under circumstances reasonably causing the victims(s) to believe the immediacy of the threat and the likelihood that it will be carried out. One needs to consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category.
Kidnapping*	Per N.J.S.A. 2C:13-1, unlawful removal of a student from school or school grounds or a substantial distance from where he or she is found in or on school grounds; or confinement of the victim with the purpose of holding the victim for ransom or reward as a shield or hostage, or confinement for a substantial period of time to facilitate commission of a crime or flight thereafter, or to inflict bodily injury or to terrorize the victim.
Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying	Any gesture or written, verbal or physical act that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and

(includes Bias Intimidation)	<p>expression, or a mental, physical or sensory handicap, or by any other distinguishing characteristic, that takes place on school property, at any school -sponsored function or on a school bus and that:</p> <p>a) a reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, will have the effect of harming a student or damaging the student's property; or b) has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group of students in such a way as to cause substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.</p>
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Vandalism Incident	
Arson*	<p>Starting a fire or causing an explosion in or on the grounds of a school thereby purposely or knowingly placing the victim or group of specified victims in danger of death or bodily injury; or with the purpose of destroying or damaging the victim's or group of specified victims' property that is in the school or on school grounds, a building or a structure of another. Arson does not include a simple act of lighting a match. Knowingly setting off a fire alarm when no fire exists, or damaging the alarm, is entered in the Damage to Property category.</p>
Burglary	<p>An individual entering, or surreptitiously remaining in, a school district facility or property, or someone's property (e.g., automobile) with the purpose to commit an offense therein.</p>
Damage to Property	<p>Purposely, knowingly, or recklessly destroying or defacing school, contracted, or personal property, causing an economic loss due to repair or replacement. Knowingly setting off a fire alarm when no fire exists is entered in this category. Serious incidental damage to property occurring during an act of violence should be reported.</p>
Fireworks Offense	<p>The possession, selling/distributing, or detonating of a self-fusing explosive device, no greater in size than two inches, and commercially sold as "fireworks." Cherry bombs, M80s and M90s are reported in this category.</p>
Theft	<p>Taking of the district's or a person's belongings or property without consent.</p>
Trespassing	<p>Entrance onto school property or into a school building without permission by an individual, who knows he/she is not privileged to be on the property.</p>
Cost to LEA	<p>The estimated cost of the incident to the district of materials and labor. (Include costs reimbursed by insurance or payment of offender). Do not include costs of vandalism incurred by an individual student or staff member.</p>

Substance Abuse Incident

Note. In the case of suspected use, the EVVRS Incident Reporting Form should be completed by the observing staff member. It is advisable to wait to enter the data until the results of the medical examination have become available. The student need not be caught in the act of using to be reported as "use."

<p>Suspected Use Not Confirmed</p>	<p>Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Dangerous Substances – Per N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3(a), any educational staff member or other professional to whom it appears that a student may be currently under the influence of alcohol or other drugs on school property or at a school function shall report the matter as soon as possible to the principal and the certified or non-certified school nurse or the school physician, according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12.</p> <p>Anabolic Steroids – Per N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3(b), any educational staff member or other professional who has reason to believe that a student has used or may be using anabolic steroids, that person shall report the matter as soon as possible to the principal and to the certified or non-certified school nurse or the school physician or to the substance awareness coordinator, according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12.</p> <p>In each instance described above, the referring staff member shall complete the Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse Incident Report, according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3, checking the field, <i>Suspected Use – Not Confirmed</i>. If there is a positive determination from the medical examination, indicating that the student’s alcohol or other drug use interferes with the student’s mental or physical ability to perform in school, or if it is determined that the student has used anabolic steroids, the field, <i>Suspected Use – Not Confirmed</i>, would be unchecked (de-selected) and the field, <i>Suspected Use – Confirmed</i>, would be checked (selected). Leave <i>Suspected Use – Not Confirmed</i> checked if there is no positive determination of use.</p>
<p>Suspected Use Confirmed</p>	<p>An incident is reported as Suspected Use Confirmed when a positive determination from a medical examination indicates that the student is under the influence of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and/or other drug (controlled dangerous substance, but not including cigarettes), or indicates that the student has used anabolic steroids. A report should be completed when suspected use is confirmed by a positive determination from a physician.</p>
<p>Possession</p>	<p>Student is found with alcohol, marijuana, and/or any other drug (controlled dangerous substance, including anabolic steroids, but not including cigarettes) in his/her locker or vehicle, or on his/her person. Includes possession of unauthorized prescription drugs and drug paraphernalia.</p>
<p>Distribution</p>	<p>Student is selling, buying, or giving alcohol, other controlled dangerous substance(s) or anabolic steroids to others, or employs others to do the same. The</p>

	student need not be caught in the act of selling or giving. The term "distribution" includes having alcohol or other drugs under circumstances where it may be inferred that the student would distribute to others. Therefore, possession of a large amount of drugs should be reported as "distribution," not as "possession."
Substance Type	Click the dropdown menu to indicate which descriptor(s) characterize(s) the substance. More than one substance type may be selected.

Weapons Incident

Bomb Offense/ Type	If a bomb was used in the weapons incident, check the box to indicate the type of offense. Report fake bombs and bomb threats in this category. If the first or second box is checked, then an Incident Description field must be provided.
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Bomb Offense and/or Use of an Explosive Device: Most commonly, greater in size than a "firework," (cherry bombs, M80s and M90s are reported in the fireworks category), usually encased in a wax substance, fabric, or metal canister or container, and generally electrically fused or self-fusing. Includes "Molotov cocktail" or similar device. Incidents to be reported include fake bombs, devices that do not detonate, and reported bomb threats (no Victim Information should be reported in the case of bomb threat unless it is directed at an individual or group of individuals). Note: District totals for fake bombs and bomb threats are reported in the Vandalism category in the Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism.

Firearm Offense - **Incident Description is required.** Select one of the three choices, defined below, from the dropdown menu.

Possession of a Firearm	Having on one's person, or in one's locker or vehicle, a handgun or rifle. The firearm need not be loaded. (Staff should not attempt to determine if weapon is loaded.) Include air guns, but do not include "look-alike" firearms that cannot be converted to a firearm. New Jersey law classifies "look-alike firearms" as firearms; federal law, however, does not. "Look-alike firearms" and paint ball guns are to be reported under Other Weapons (see Other Weapons Offense, below).
Assault with a Firearm	Attacking or physically harming someone by threatening with or shooting a handgun or rifle. The firearm need not be loaded. (Staff should not attempt to determine if weapon is loaded.)
Sale or Transfer of a Firearm	Selling, giving, or having in one's possession with the intent to distribute or sell, a firearm of any kind.
Firearm Type	More than one type of firearm may be checked. Note: Imitation firearms such as "look-alike" handguns are not classified as firearms by federal law; they should be included under Other Weapons (see Other Weapons Offense, below).

Other Weapons Offense Select one of the three choices, defined below, from the dropdown menu.

Assault with Other Weapon	Attacking or physically harming someone with a knife, club, stun gun, chain, pepper spray, or other instrument (other than a firearm) readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury.
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Possession of Other Weapon	<p>Having on one's person or in one's locker or vehicle any weapon (other than a firearm). A weapon is any instrument readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting bodily injury that includes, but is not limited to, knives, clubs or other bludgeons, chains, sling shots, leather bands studded with metal filings and razor blades. This category also includes stun guns and any device which projects, releases or emits tear gas or any other substance (e.g., pepper spray) intended to produce temporary discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air. Components that can readily be assembled into a weapon also apply. An incident of possession, if not reported on the EVVRS, may, of course, still be reported in the district's disciplinary record system.</p> <p>If Assault with Other Weapon is checked, Possession of Other Weapon cannot be checked. Consider age and developmentally appropriate behavior before using this category.</p>
Sale or Transfer of Other Weapon	<p>Selling or giving, or having in one's possession with the intent to distribute or sell, a weapon of any kind.</p>
Other Weapon Type	<p>Select other weapon type(s) from the dropdown menu. More than one weapon type may be checked.</p>