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iSTAR

Incident System Tracking Accountability Report

2011-2012
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Introduction

The Los Angeles Unified School District (District) is committed to supporting schools and offices as they work to maintain a safe and caring learning and working environment. School and office administrators have a responsibility to document and report incidents which occur on or near District facilities or involve District students, employees, and the school community so that they can be addressed in a timely and accurate manner.

The District's Incident System Tracking Accountability Report (iSTAR) is an improved and upgraded version of the previously released Incident Reporting System first introduced on April 1, 2010. It is the Districwide electronic tool for documenting and reporting incidents which occur on or near District schools and sites. Accurate reporting enables Educational Service Center, Central Office and other responders to mobilize efficiently and effectively provide appropriate resources to address incidents and provide follow-up support to schools, offices, and affected individuals. It provides a common framework in which staff from various divisions can work together effectively to provide a standardized response and assistance. The system is also intended to reduce potential miscommunication. Since its first release in 2010, the system has been upgraded and improved to capture more specific incident information and produce more accurate and meaningful data to find similarities in incidents or problems so that divisions can develop solutions and strategies to address the issue(s) or improve the response process(es).

The 2011-2012 iSTAR Annual Report illustrates that the implementation of the on-line system expanded our understanding of the factors that contribute to school and office incidents and safety challenges and trends. The Office of School Operations collaborated with District divisions and various agencies to immediately implement several procedural improvements and initiatives which successfully contributed to the noticeable decrease in the occurrence of several incident categories. The iSTAR system produces reports that provide important data that elucidates why and how incidents occur, thus providing data-driven decision-making related to the effective use of limited resources and process improvements so that LAUSD can continue to keep our campuses safe and secure.

The Office of School Operations acknowledges the contribution and dedication of principals, administrators and staff members for their continued work in keeping LAUSD safe.

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Key Points

The mission of the Office of School Operations is to ensure that every LAUSD site receives support and guidance toward creating and maintaining a safe and caring environment that supports learning and achievement. One of our goals is to create and improve on-line data systems to increase accuracy and use of data to strategically plan operational improvements.

The iSTAR system was developed to electronically document and access electronic data for information and data reporting. School Operations continues to work with other divisions to merge reporting tools related to incidents. LAUSD needs accurate school safety and security data for:

- • School improvement.
- • Program evaluation and planning.
- • Resource allocation.
- • Mandated state and federal reporting requirements.

The Principal at a school and office site administrator has the responsibility to report incidents through iSTAR. The system captures specific incident information with some data limitations due to the following:

1. Not all incidents are reported.
2. Reporters incorrectly categorize incidents.
3. Incidents are reported with incomplete information.
4. Various independent reporting tools (i.e., School Police, M&O, Transportation, Facilities, etc.).

School and Office Information

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS PER ESC

ESC	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS
E	212
N	277
S	210
W	178
XP	137
XR	174
XS	8
XY	35

ESC/OFFICE TYPE KEY (LEGEND)

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER	SCHOOL TYPE
XP	Intensive Support & Innovation (ISIC)
XR	Independent Charter Schools
XS	Option Schools (Central)
XY	Adult Ed Division
ZA	Offices

Summary at a Glance

- Total number of incidents reported: **21,945**
- Top **5** issue types reported   `see below`
- Detailed analysis and focus of 2011-2012 Annual Report   **(*)**
- Decrease in incident reports for **6** issue types as a result of new programs and initiatives   (page 5)
- **61%** increase in total number of incident reports from 2010-2011 as a result of system awareness and school use of the on-line system

TOP 20 ISSUE TYPES REPORTED 2011/12 SCHOOL YEAR	TOTAL PER INCIDENT TYPE
Injury	4,288
Accident	3,788
Medical	1,950
Assault/Battery	1,067
Bullying *	1,030
Suicidal Behavior *	911
Sexual Behavior – Inappropriate *	899
Inappropriate Conduct	842
Harassment *	729
Possession of Weapons *	602
Arrest *	601
Disruptive Behavior/Annoyance	543
Fighting/Physical Aggression	500
Other	481
Threat	479
Altercation	432
Possession of Illegal/Controlled Substance *	363
Burglary *	265
Lockdown	263
Trauma / Violence Exposure	224
Missing/Runaway	205

The top **20** incident types accounted for **93%** of all incidents reported.

Of the **21,945** incidents reported, **46%**, or **10,026** were *Injury, Accident, or Medical*.

Districtwide Summary

A total **17,254** iSTAR reports were submitted for **2011-2012 SY**.

ESC/OFFICE	NUMBER OF iSTAR REPORTS
EAST	2,898
NORTH	4,659
Other	11
SOUTH	2,770
WEST	2,726
ISIC (SUPERINTENDENT)	2,796
INDEPENDENT CHARTER	62
OPTION (CENTRAL)	48
ADULT ED	416
NON-PUBLIC	2
NON-SCHOOL LOCATION	866
Grand Total	**17,254**

ESC/OFFICE TYPE KEY (LEGEND)

ESC/OFFICE	SCHOOL/OFFICE TYPE
N	North
E	East
S	South
W	West
XP	Intensive Support & Innovation (ISIC)
XR	Independent Charter Schools
XS	Option Schools (Central)
XY	Adult Ed Division
YA	Non-Public
ZA	Non-School Location

Districtwide Summary

ISSUE TYPE	2011/12 SCHOOL YEAR	2010/11 SCHOOL YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Theft	56	135	-59%
Shooting	54	80	-33%
Vandalism/Property Damage*	135	184	-27%
Discrimination	11	14	-21%
Burglary	265	311	-15%
Possession of Illegal/Controlled Substance*	364	401	-9%
Death	76	76	0%
Hazing	2	2	0%
Intergroup Conflict	10	10	0%
Technology Failure	3	3	0%
Possession of Weapons*	604	597	1%
Abduction/Kidnapping	47	41	15%
Robbery	188	159	18%
Arrest	601	497	21%
Act of Violence	164	134	22%
Trespass	48	38	26%
Medical*	1,953	1,490	31%
Fighting/Physical Aggression	500	370	35%
Lost School Keys	17	12	42%
Threat	479	332	44%
Injury	4,290	2,779	54%
Disruptive Behavior/Annoyance	544	348	56%
Sewer Problem	13	8	63%
Assault/Battery	1,067	654	63%
Fire Sprinkler Broken	5	3	67%
Fire	84	48	75%
Gas Leak/Odor	27	15	80%
Theft (act to steal)	144	80	80%
Harassment*	728	397	83%
Accident	3,790	1,975	92%
Lockdown	263	136	93%
Other	483	246	96%
Altercation	432	217	99%
Environmental Hazard/Odor*	123	61	102%
Bullying*	1,030	501	106%
Walkout/Demonstration	57	27	111%
Sexual Behavior – Inappropriate*	900	408	121%
Missing/Runaway	205	92	123%
Air Conditioning Problem	9	4	125%
Fire Alarm System	38	16	138%
Inappropriate Conduct	841	310	171%
Suicidal Behavior*	911	320	185%
Trauma / Violence Exposure*	224	69	225%
Utility Failure*	139	34	309%
Fraud Allegation	9	2	350%
Custody Issue	13	1	1200%
Bells out of order	0	2	
Heating System Problem	4	0	
Rodent/Insect Problems	5	0	

LEGEND:

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|---|
| **Numbers Decreased** |

Percentage of increase < 50%

Percentage of increase > 50%

*Due to multiple coding these reported issues will exceed the number of unique incidents.

Total Incidents reported   **21,955**   **13,639**

REPORTS

The **decrease** in iSTAR reports of the following issue types can be attributed in part to programs and initiatives that were put into place during the 2010/11 school year.

- Burglary
- Vandalism/Property Damage
- Weapons-Shooting
- Theft
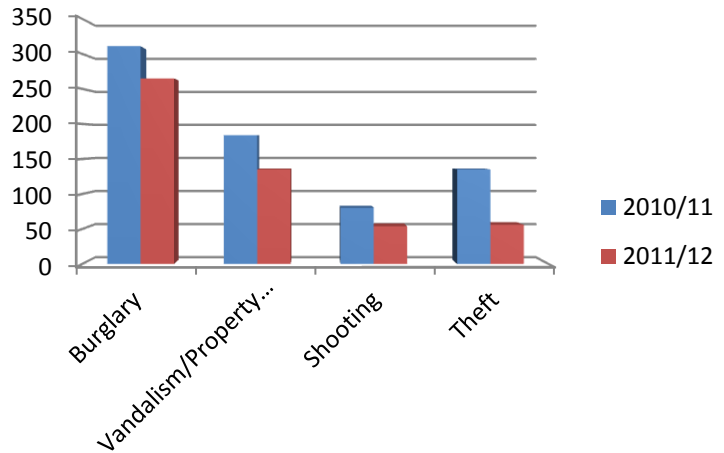
ISSUE TYPE	2010 – 2011	2011 – 2012	DECREASE
Burglary	311	265	-15%
Vandalism/Property Damage	184	135	-27%
Shooting	80	54	-33%
Theft	135	56	-59%

The following initiatives successfully contributed in the continuous decline in incidents reported for the issue types mentioned above:

➢ Information Alert Communication to administrators regarding activation and deactivation of the intrusion alarm system

➢ E-mail reminders to site administrators regarding the activation and deactivation of the intrusion alarm system

➢ Ongoing collaboration with School Police, Facilities Division, LCW and ITD to ensure the proper functioning and use of the school intrusion alarm systems

➢ Updated Bulletin 5460.0 – Accessing and Securing Sites During School Hours, Non-School Hours, and Holiday Breaks to include procedures and checklists for accessing and closing a school site

➢ Revised and updated various District Bulletins

REPORTS

In 2011-2012, School Operations reviewed the following issues reported through the iSTAR system and have included detailed analyses in this report.

Arrests

Bullying

Burglary

Harassment

Possession of Illegal/ Controlled Substance

Sexual Behavior- Inappropriate

Suicidal Behavior

Possession of Weapons

We are also including a special report on the Random Metal Detector pilot program.

REPORT - Arrest

In reviewing the **601** reports of arrests selected as issue type, we found the following:
* 88% of suspects arrested were students (A total of 706 individuals were reported in iSTAR for arrest.)
* The second highest percentage (7%) of arrests were of Others, or persons unrelated to the school or District.
* Employee arrests accounted for almost 5% of the total.

PERSONS INVOLVED	TOTAL
Student	619
Other	46
Employee	35
Parent	6
TOTAL	**706**

Of the **student arrest** reports in which the charges were specified, the top **5** charges were:
* possession of a knife
* assault & battery
* possession of an illegal or controlled substance
* robbery and
* possession of weapons – other.

Parents were arrested for the following charges:
* **2** - Disruptive presence
* **1** - Making threats & gun possession
* **1** - Possession of weapon on campus
* **1** - Assault/Battery
* **1** - Violation of a restraining order

Of the **35** reports of **employee arrests**
* **16** were certificated
* **17** were classified
* **2** were misidentified as suspects of crimes and not arrested
* **9** of the arrests were related to inappropriate conduct with minors – from felony child annoyance to lewd acts on a child.

Parent, 6   Other, 46   Employee, 35

Student, 619

TOGETHER WE STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING!

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The iSTAR system tallied **1,030** issues associated with **bullying**. Double coding (e.g., bullying that is both verbal and physical) results in double counting of some incidents.

Type	Issues Reported
Disability	9
Electronic: cyber-bullying/Sexting	59
Indirect	29
Nonverbal	20
Other	44
Physical	352
Psychological	63
Racial	20
Sexual	172
Social	24
Verbal	237
TOTAL	**1030**

Of the 1,030 issues reported, 816 were unique incidents of bullying. Approximately 232 incidents occurred among adults (parents, employees and community members), 81 incidents occurred off campus.

Of the 584 incidents of student:student bullying, 86% occurred on campus or on the bus. Physical bullying was the most frequently reported form of bullying (57%), followed by verbal bullying (55%) and sexual bullying (27.8%).
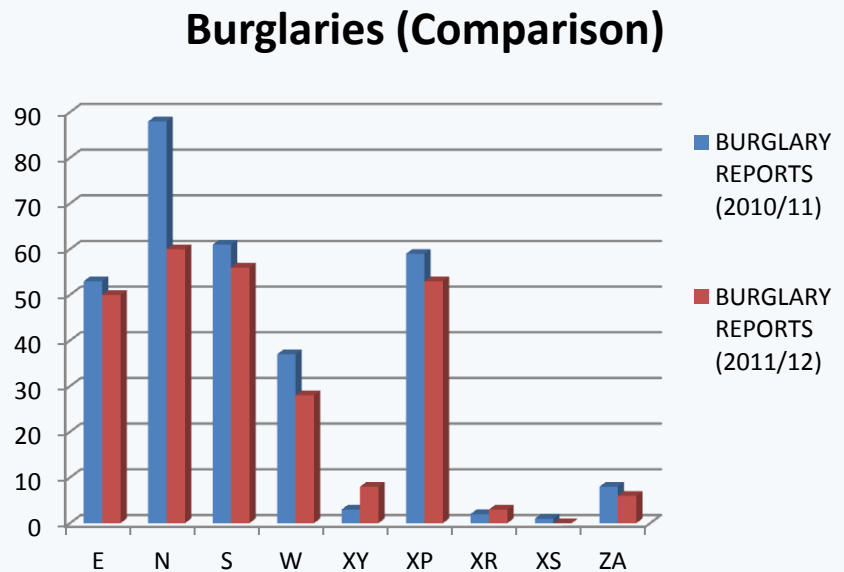
Reports by Issue Type
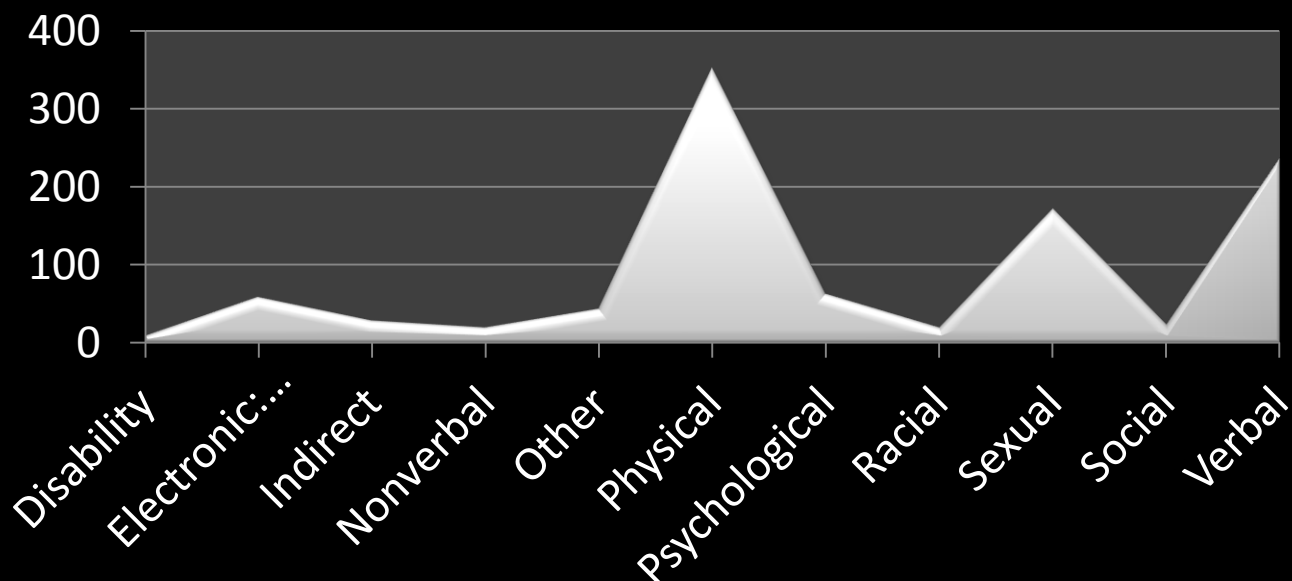
REPORT - Burglary

In 2010, the first year iSTAR was released, we saw an upward trend in burglaries and vandalism on school campuses. School Operations reviewed the reports and in response implemented several programs and initiatives.

In comparing the data for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, a 15% decrease in burglaries was seen Districtwide.

| ESC	BURGLARY REPORTS (2010/11)	BURGLARY REPORTS (2011/12)
E	53	50
N	88	60
S	61	56
W	37	28
XY	3	8
XP	57	53
XR	2	3
XS	1	0
ZA	9	6
Grand Total	311	264

Burglaries (Comparison)

A **15% decrease** in burglaries was seen District-wide.

In working with various units and informing Principals of the school burglary incidents, School Operations implemented the following programs and initiatives:

- District Intrusion Alarm Committee

- Intrusion Alarm Activation information to Principals

- Monthly e-mail reminders to schools referencing – Bulletin 5460.0 – Accessing and Securing Sites During School Hours, Non-School Hours, and Holiday Breaks

- Increased LASPD patrols of sites during non-school hours and reporting of unsecured sites in iSTAR. *(208 of the 481 reports of 'Other' issues were about unlocked doors, gates, windows, etc. at schools leading to the addition of 'Unsecured Access to School Site' to the iSTAR list of issue types.)*

Employees constituted almost **23%** of individuals involved in harassment incidents. Of the **729 total** reports of harassment, employees accounted for **29%** reported as suspects.
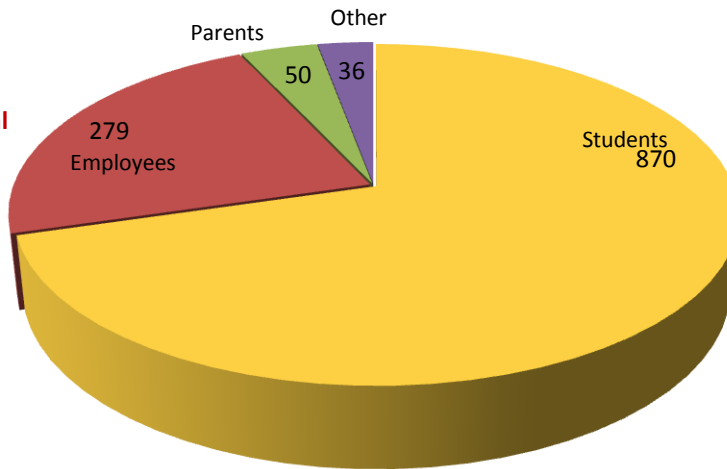
Students made up roughly **70%** of all individuals involved in incidents of harassment. Of the **729 total** reports of harassment, students accounted for **85%** reported as victims.

Pie chart:
- Students 870
- Employees 279
- Parents 50
- Other 36

Legend:
- Student
- Employee
- Parent
- Other

Persons Involved	Student	Employee	Parent	Other
Victim	496	80	6	1
Suspect	265	137	40	32
Witness	109	62	4	3
Grand Total	870	279	50	36

Harassment Types by ESC

Legend:
- Other
- Physical
- Verbal
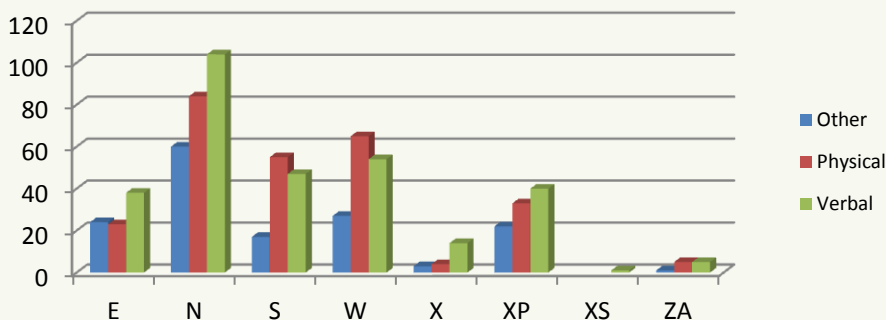
TYPE	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS / OFFICE							
	E	N	S	W	X	XP	XS	ZA
Other	24	60	17	27	3	22	0	1
Physical	23	84	55	65	4	33	0	6
Verbal	38	104	47	54	14	40	1	6
Grand Total	85	248	119	146	21	95	1	13

A **total of 363 incidents** were reported for **possession of illegal controlled substance**.

TYPE OF DRUG REPORTED	E	N	S	W	XP	XP	XR	XS	ZA	Grand Total
Alcohol	6	25	5	17	3	12			1	68
Cigarette	1	5	2	4	2	1				15
Drugs	4	13	8	7	1	9				41
Ecstasy		3				1				4
Marijuana	16	57	21	44	4	28	1	2	3	175
Methamphetamine	6	4	1			1		1		13
Other	5	17	10	8	1	9				47
Grand Total	38	124	47	80	11	61	1	3	4	363

In reviewing the reports submitted as **possession of illegal controlled substance – OTHER**, we found that **Drug Paraphernalia** accounted for the majority of the reports submitted.

Suspects

93% of **suspects** reported for drug possession were **students**.
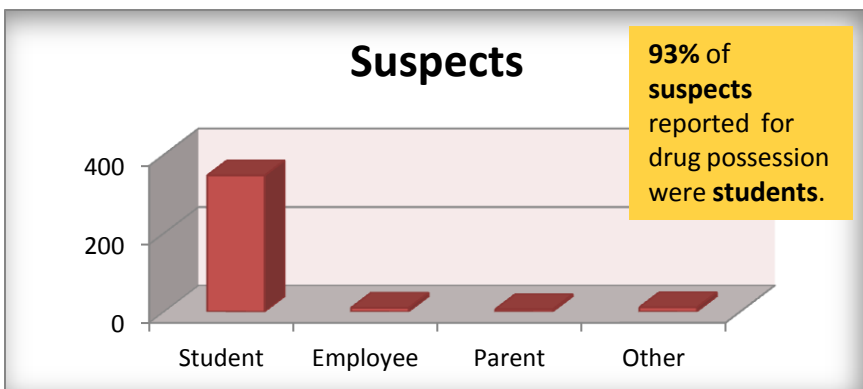
SUSPECT	Total
Student	347
Employee	10
Parent	6
Other	11
Grand Total	374

Classified as 'Other'	Number of Reports
Paraphernalia	12
Inhalant abuse	10
Unidentified organic substance	4
Hashish or hashish oil	3
Unspecified pills	3
Psilocybin mushrooms	3
Tobacco product	3
NOT STATED	2
OTC Drug	2
Unidentified prescription medication	2
Adderall	1
Ambien container	1
Drug arrest (Heroin)	1
Hells Bells drink	1
Oxycontin	1
Spice	1
Unidentified drugs	1
Grand Total	51

Inhalant abuse *(commonly known as huffing)* was second. **Computer cleaner** was specified as the inhalant in **8** of the **10 reports of inhalant abuse**.

REPORT — Sexual Behavior-Inappropriate

## A total of 899 issues of Sexual Behavior-Inappropriate were reported in 2011-2012 SY.

Sexual Behavior-Inappropriate - Inappropriate sexual behavior or sexual practices or sexual activities refers to the manner in which humans experience and express their sexuality. Incidents of this type, such as sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual relations with children, voyeurism, exhibitionism or other inappropriate sexual behavior, etc., may involve students, employees, parents or other individuals. Allegations of this type of behavior are taken seriously and are addressed using applicable federal, state and district laws, policies, rules and procedures.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR - INAPPROPRIATE

Persons Involved	Student	Employee	Parent	Other
Suspect	432	115	5	63
Victim	832	25	5	4
Witness	135	55	10	2
Grand Total	1399	195	20	69

ON CAMPUS INCIDENTS ONLY

Persons Involved	Student	Employee	Parent	Other
Suspect	368	96	1	10
Victim	565	20	1	2
Witness	112	45	3	0
Grand Total	1045	161	5	12
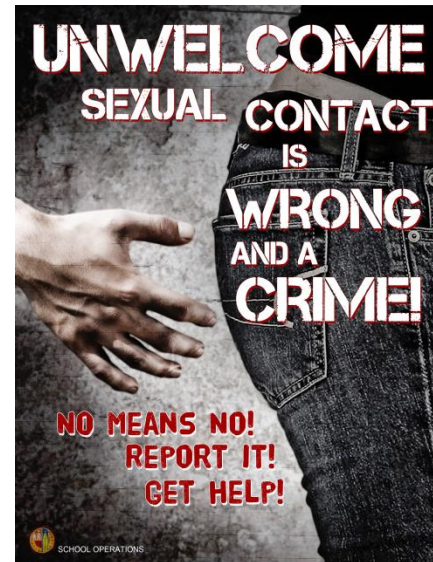
| Sexual Behavior – Inappropriate	District Office	District School Bus/Vehicle	Off Campus	On Campus	Grand Total
Exhibitionism		3	87	83	173
Incest			6	1	7
Other	1	8	121	413	543
Pornography			10	35	45
Rape			35	9	44
Sexual relationship with children		1	32	40	73
Voyeurism			5	9	14
Grand Total	1	12	296	590	899

Many of the reports of **'Other'** (inappropriate sexual behavior) were further descriptions of another issue type (i.e. Exhibitionism, and Pornography). The majority of the remaining reports were of **student-on-student sexual battery (total of 43 incidents)**. The second most reported incident was of **student-on-student inappropriate touching (total of 18 incidents)**.

REPORT – Suicidal Ideation/Behaviors

Suicide is preventable. While the path that leads to suicidal behavior is long and complex and there is no "profile" that predicts suicidal behavior with certainty, there are certain risk factors and warning signs associated with increased suicide risk such as:

- history of depression
- access to weapons
- isolation or situational crises

It is important to be vigilant for the warning signs of suicide and take action by intervening appropriately.
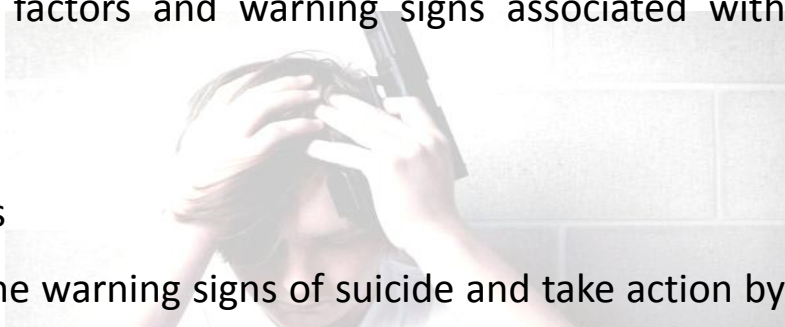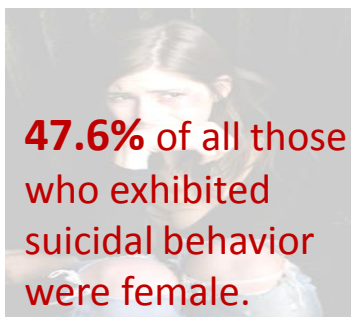
PERSONS INVOLVED	Student	Employee	Parent	Other	Grand Total
Victim	644	25	4	6	679
Witness	47	108	9	9	173
Grand Total	691	133	13	15	852

FEMALE

PERSONS INVOLVED	Student	Employee	Parent	Other	Grand Total
Victim	305	14	3	1	323
Witness	32	69	7	6	114
Grand Total	337	83	10	7	437

47.6% of all those who exhibited suicidal behavior were female.

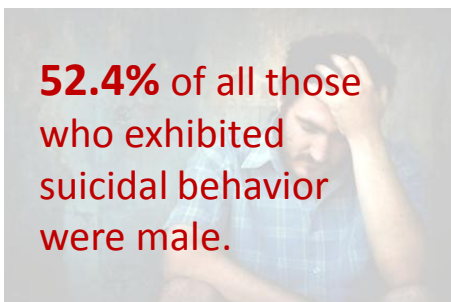**52.4%** of all those who exhibited suicidal behavior were male.

MALE

PERSONS INVOLVED	Student	Employee	Parent	Other	Grand Total
Victim	339	11	1	5	356
Witness	15	39	2	3	59
Grand Total	354	50	3	8	415

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For more information and resources, please visit http://suicideprevention.lausd.net.

Although the total number of iSTAR reports increased by **61%**, reports of weapons only went up **1%**.

Type of Weapon	E	N	S	W	XY	XP	XR	XS	ZA	Site closed
Bomb	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Firecracker	4	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gun	6	9	6	12	1	18	0	1	2	0
Imitation weapon	14	16	5	9	0	6	0	0	1	0
Knife	55	78	58	50	6	100	6	2	3	2
Other	22	30	16	27	1	26	0	0	1	1
Grand Total	101	135	85	103	8	153	6	3	7	3

The top five **'Other'** weapons were

1. brass or metal knuckles (19)
2. lighters (14)
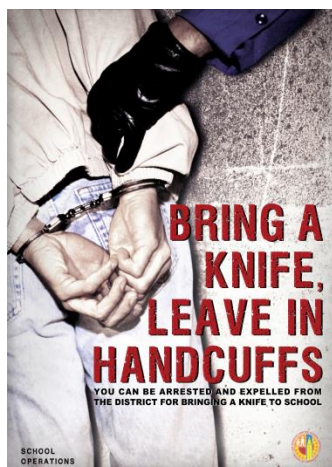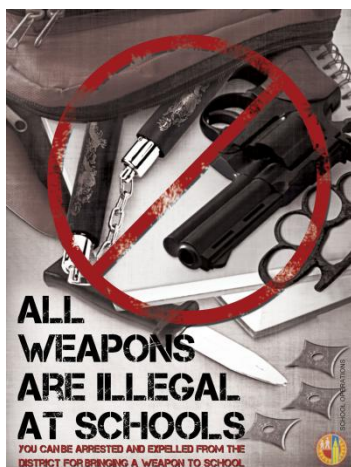3. razor blades (11)
4. scissors (10)
5. BB guns (9)
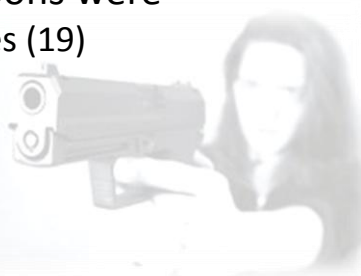
Other items used as weapons ranged from taser devices and box cutters to pepper spray, utility tools, rocks, bricks, and bats.

PERSONS INVOLVED	Employee	Other	Parent	Student	Grand Total
Suspect	6	27	2	565	600
Victim	13	1		159	173
Witness	42		2	98	142
Grand Total	61	28	4	822	915

94.2% of all suspects were students.

Almost **60%** of all weapons reported were **knives**. Reports of knives **increased** by almost **29%** over last year.

ALL WEAPONS ARE ILLEGAL AT SCHOOLS
YOU CAN BE ARRESTED AND EXPELLED FROM THE DISTRICT FOR BRINGING A WEAPON TO SCHOOL

BRING A KNIFE, LEAVE IN HANDCUFFS
YOU CAN BE ARRESTED AND EXPELLED FROM THE DISTRICT FOR BRINGING A KNIFE TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

School Operations continues to monitor the high number of incident reports for weapons on or near campus and launched an awareness campaign using various posters sent to secondary schools.

As part of awareness campaign, School Operations also implemented the Random Metal Detector Search pilot program. A more detailed information of the pilot program is on the next page.

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RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCH PILOT PROGRAM

DATA SUMMARY

Data from the Incident System Tracking Accountability Report (iSTAR) system for **2010-2011** indicates **447** incidents in which students were found to be in possession of weapons. **32%** of all arrests at school sites were in this category. Of these arrests, **20%** were for possession of a knife on school grounds.

Data from the Incident System Tracking Accountability Report (iSTAR) system for **2011-2012** indicates **619** incidents in which students were found to be in possession of weapons. **79%** of all arrests at school sites were in this category. Of these arrests, **28%** were for possession of a knife on school grounds.

A comparison of data from 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 indicates that possession of weapons on campus only increased overall by 1% from the prior year. However, there has been an 8% increase in arrests for knives being brought onto school campuses by students from the prior year. It is important to note that not all incidents of weapon possession necessarily resulted in arrest of the suspects.

During the past two years, district schools have experienced some serious incidents with weapons on campus such as Gardena SH in spring 2011 and South East HS in fall 2011.

Data from the pilot schools indicates that district wide the secondary schools conduct daily random metal detector searches with 3% to 7% of the secondary student population.

PILOT SCHOOLS
In order to have a diverse sampling of different secondary school types, a group of 20 secondary schools was selected to participate in the Random Metal Detection Search Pilot Program for 6 weeks: one middle school and one high school from each Local District, two iDesign schools, one option school, and one continuation school. In addition to this group, each local district operations coordinator selected additional schools from his/her local district to monitor and to include in the data sampling.

PILOT PROGRAM DATES
Pilot Group#1 (34 schools): December 5, 2011 – February 3, 2012
Pilot Group#2 (41 schools): February 13, 2012 – March 23, 2012
Pilot Group#3 (22 schools): April 9, 2012 – May 18, 2012

 DATA FROM PROJECT
o Average percentage of school student population searched – 7.24%
o Average percentage of elementary school students searched – 9.31%
o Average percentage of middle school students searched – 3.12%
o   Average percentage of high school students searched – 7.31%

 FINDINGS
o Multiple instances of controlled substances (marijuana, alcohol) found on students when searches were conducted
o Most pilot schools appeared to be conducting searches on a frequent or daily basis
o Most pilot schools were able to produce required search documentation.

DATA STUDY CORRELATION
36 total weapons were logged throughout the pilot program (all three groups). Three of eight knives found in administrative searches in pilot program were reported in iSTAR. No other recovered weapons were reported.

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RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCH PILOT PROGRAM

PILOT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DATA AND FINDINGS
Although secondary schools appear to be adhering to the policy by conducting daily random metal detector searches, schools must continue to be vigilant in conducting searches to deter the bringing of weapons such as guns, knives, or any other item which might cause harm or injury onto school property.

As part of the District's new on-line Administrator's Certification System, secondary administrators will be required monthly to certify electronically that the school site has conducted daily random metal detector searches. Schools will be required to maintain documentation logs of the searches conducted.
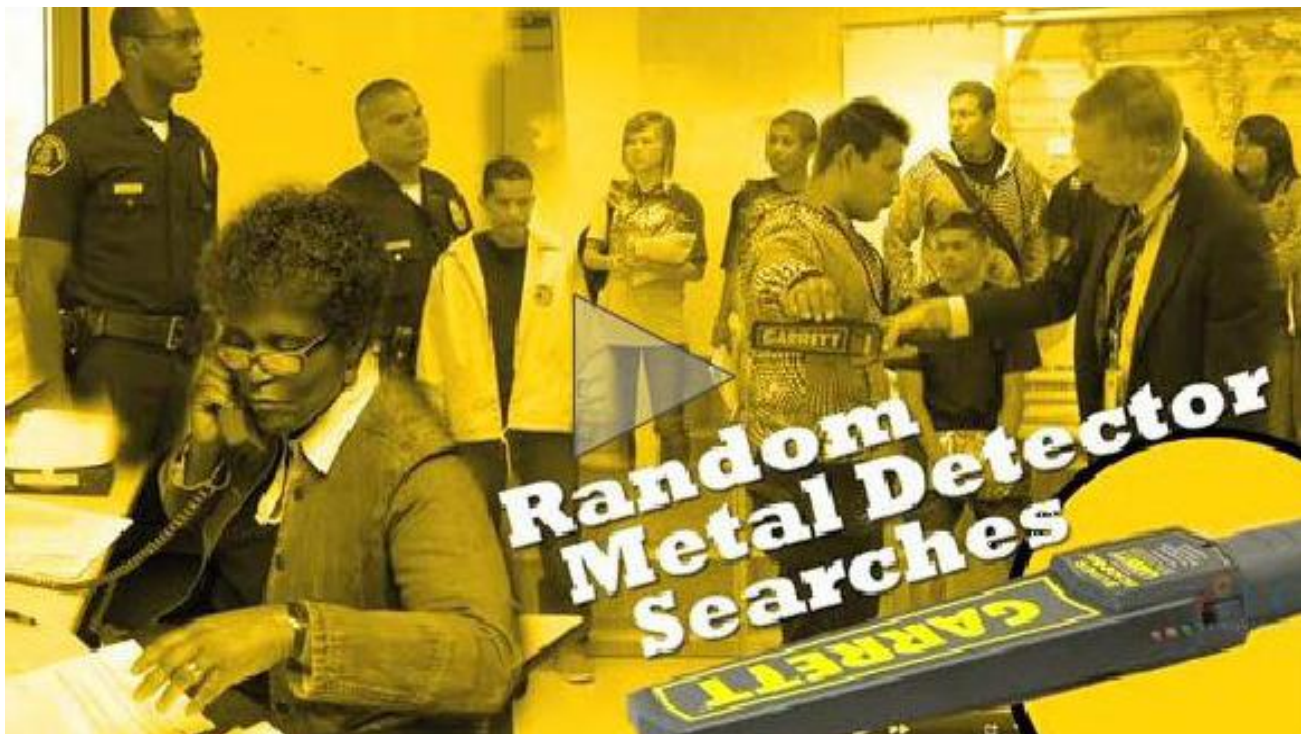
Educational Service Center Operations Coordinators will regularly audit the secondary schools in their assigned complexes to ensure that schools are adhering to the policy.

The Office of School Operations will work with Educational Service Centers to distribute safety posters and other materials that advise students of the legal and disciplinary consequences of bringing weapons onto campus.

The Office of School Operations will continue to provide online training through its STEPS course on how to conduct random metal detector searches for continuing and new school administrators and support staff.

USE OF DATA FOR PROCESS IMPROVEMENT
 The new monthly Random Metal Detector Search Certification will provide additional data that can be correlated during audits with individual school's documentation of the searches. The Office of School Operations will continue to use iSTAR final data, reports from the Administrator's Certification system, and search audits to make recommendations on developing additional guidelines and procedures for schools in conducting daily random metal detection searches