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REPORTED INCIDENTS/ACTS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2005-2006

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's **Annual Report on School Crime and Violence: 2005-2006** contains information reflecting incidents/acts of school violence in the state. North Carolina has been collecting data concerning incidents/acts of school violence since the 1993-1994 school year. In 1993, the North Carolina General Assembly and the State Board of Education required the reporting of such incidents/acts in fourteen categories. Beginning in 2001-2002, three additional categories were added. The following is a complete list of categories for the 2005-2006 report:

- Assault resulting in serious injury
- Assault involving use of a weapon
- Assault on school personnel not resulting in serious injury
- Bomb threat
- Burning of a school building
- Death by other than natural causes
- Kidnapping
- Possession of alcoholic beverage
- Possession of controlled substance in violation of law
- Possession of firearm or powerful explosive
- Possession of weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives
- Rape
- Robbery with a dangerous weapon
- Robbery without a dangerous weapon
- Sexual assault not involving rape or sexual offense
- Sexual offense
- Taking indecent liberties with a minor

The **Annual Report on School Violence: 2005-2006** highlights the following:

- In 2005-2006, 10,959 incidents/acts of school violence were reported to have occurred on North Carolina school property, an increase of 852 incidents/acts or 8.4% from 2004-2005
- There were 7.90 incidents/acts per 1,000 students in 2005-2006; this is an increase from the 7.49 incidents/acts per 1,000 students in 2004-2005
- The top three reported incidents/acts of school violence constituted 85% of the total number of reported acts, *and* the largest increases from the prior school year:
 - possession of controlled substance from 3,991 to 4,427
 - possession of weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives from 3,589 to 3,845
 - possession of alcoholic beverage from 849 to 1053
- The three largest decreases in reported incidents/acts from 2004-2005 to 2005-2006 were:
 - bomb threat from 163 to 134
 - sexual assault not involving rape or sexual offense from 84 to 62
 - burning of a school building from 17 to 4
- The following categories displayed the greatest percent increase in reported incidents/acts:
 - kidnapping from 1 to 2 (+ 100%)
 - robbery with a dangerous weapon from 2 to 3 (+ 50%)
 - possession of alcoholic beverage from 849 to 1053 (+ 24%)