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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM  
2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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## INTRODUCTION

The memorandum of understanding between the City of Novato and the Novato Unified School District outlines the goals and objectives of the Novato Police Department School Resource Program. The shared goals and objectives of the School Resource Officer Program include:

- To ensure the safe and secure learning environment for all Novato Unified students and staff.
- To foster educational programs and activities that will increase students' knowledge of and respect for the law and to develop a better understanding of the function of law enforcement agencies in society.
- To encourage improved relationships between students and the SRO by developing opportunities for interactions at extra-curricular activities held at schools, such as athletic events and concerts, as well as other district-wide activities.
- To act swiftly and cooperatively when responding to major disruptions and flagrant criminal offenses at schools such as: Incidents involving weapons or violence on campus, disorderly conduct by trespassers, sales and/or distribution of controlled substances, and unrest.
- To report serious crimes that occur on campus and to cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigation of crimes that occur at schools, immediately before or after school or crimes that have a strong nexus to the school community.
- To cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigations of criminal offenses which occur off campus.
- To educate and inform students on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substances through prevention and early intervention programs for NUSD students.

As a result of this agreement, the Novato Police Department created an annual School Resource Officer Program report detailing School Resource Officer activity to include citations, arrests, restorative justice referrals, and outreach activities. The following pages detail police activities involving NUSD schools for the 2022-2023 school year.



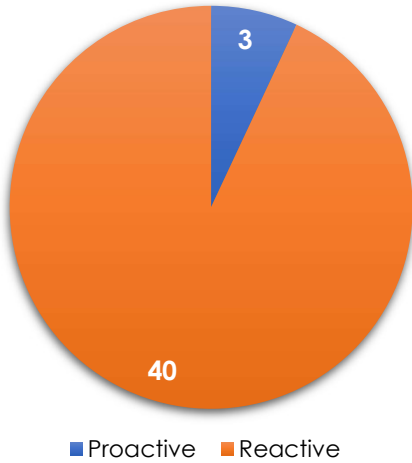
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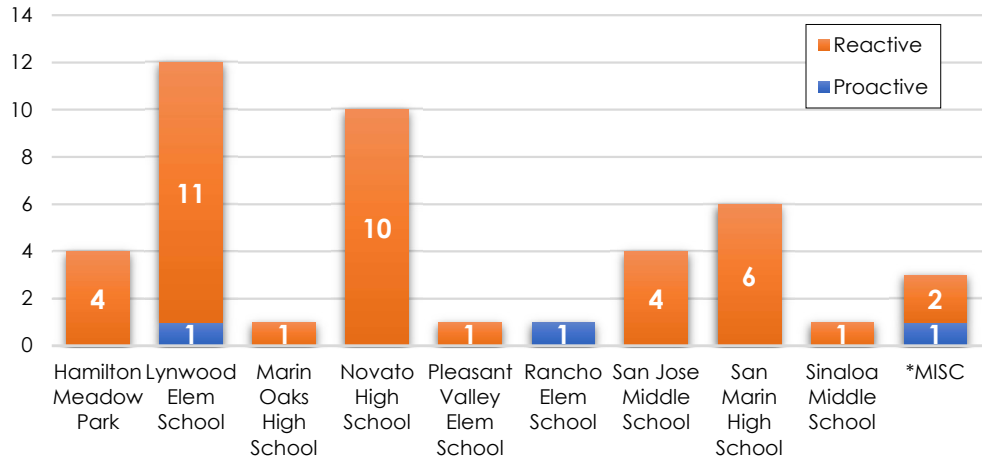
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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 Response to Novato Unified School District Schools

### Proactive vs Reactive Cases

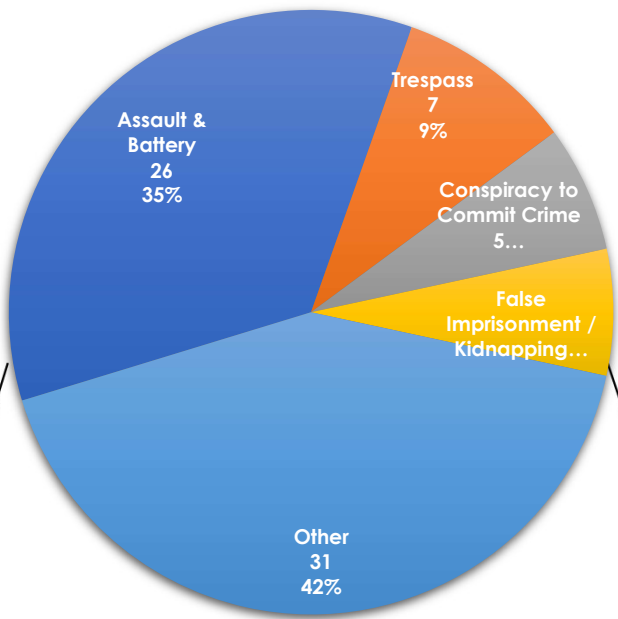


### Proactive / Reactive Cases (By School)

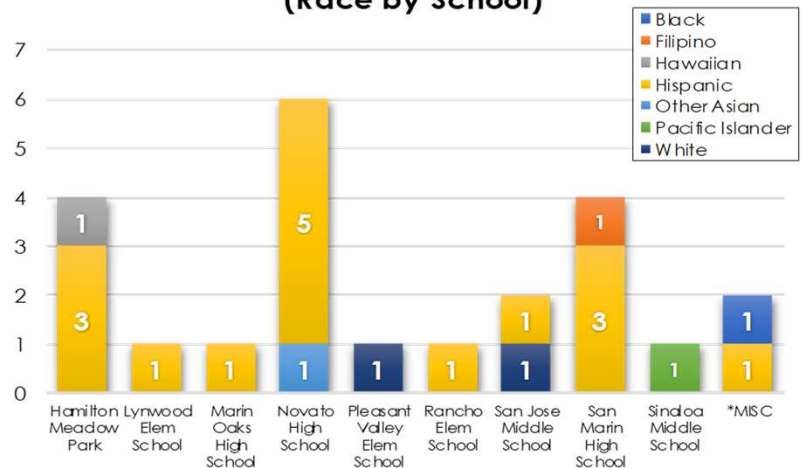


These numbers represent all cases authored by any officer of NPD when the address of origin was on NUSD property. A **PROACTIVE** response is where an officer on-viewed the incident and initiated contact with the student. A **REACTIVE** response occurs when the school or a community member requests police assistance and an officer is dispatched to the incident location.

### Incidents Requiring Police Reports



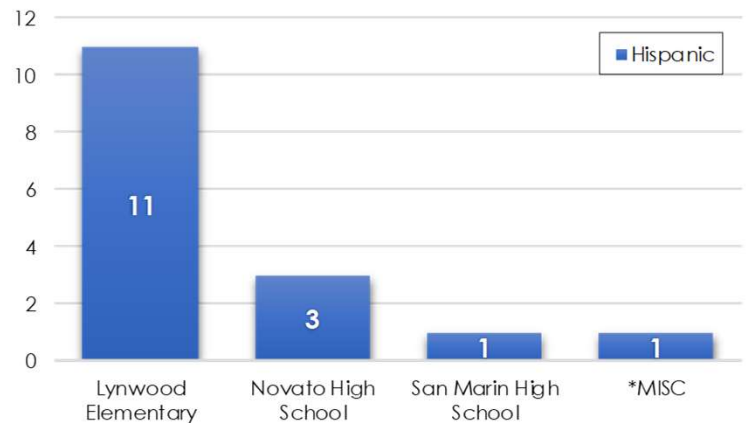
### Citations Issued (Race by School)



Marijuana / Cannabis	4	Robbery	2
Mental Health	4	Vandalism	2
Disorderly Conduct	3	Weapons Violation	2
Gang Related	3	Contribute to Del of Minor	1
Sex-Related Offenses	3	Obstruct/Resist to Officer	1
Drug / Narcotic Violation	2	Probation/Court Violation	1
Minor Beyond Control	2	Violate Civil Rights	1

31 separate cases were analyzed for this report. 10 of them had more than one (1) offense. This report took into consideration all offenses charged in each case.

### Taken to Marin County Juvenile Hall (Race by School)



\* Three separate after school incidents at Lynwood resulted in 11 bookings.

\*MISC refers to reports taken by an Officer/School Resource Officer (SRO) in which the incident did not occur on a Novato school campus, but the Officer/SRO responded to the incident in which a report was taken, and a citation was issued or the student was booked at Marin County Juvenile Hall.



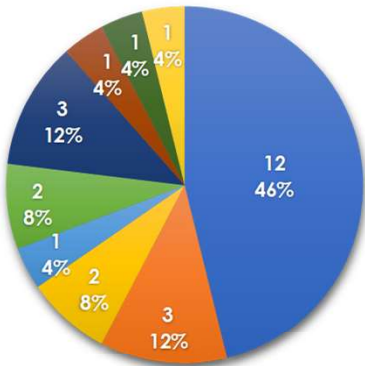
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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 Response to Novato Unified School District Schools

**Lynwood Elementary School (26)**



Assault & Battery	12	46%
Conspiracy to Commit Crime	3	12%
Disorderly Conduct	2	8%
Drug / Narcotic Violation	1	4%
False Imprisonment / Kidnapping	2	8%
Gang Related	3	12%
Marijuana / Cannabis	1	4%
Probation / Court Order Violation	1	4%
Vandalism	1	4%

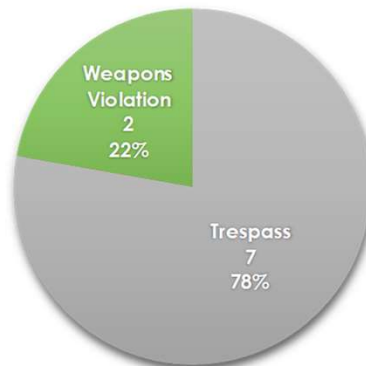
**Pleasant Valley Elementary School (1)**



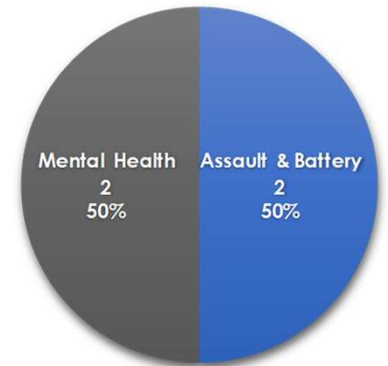
**Rancho Elementary School (1)**



**Hamilton Meadow Park (K-8) (9)**



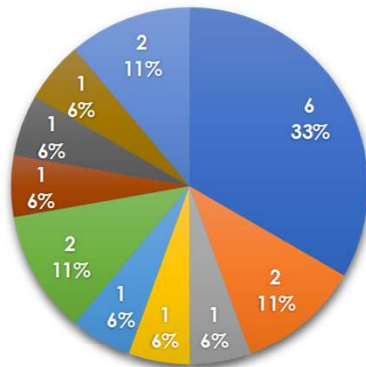
**San Jose Middle School (4)**



**Sinaloa Middle School (1)**



**Novato High School (18)**

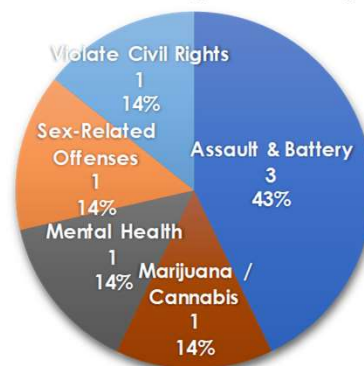


Assault & Battery	6	33%
Conspiracy to Commit Crime	2	11%
Contribute to the Del of a Minor	1	6%
Disorderly Conduct	1	6%
Drug / Narcotic Violation	1	6%
False Imprisonment / Kidnapping	2	11%
Marijuana / Cannabis	1	6%
Mental Health	1	6%
Minor Beyond Control	1	6%
Robbery	2	11%

**Marin Oaks High School (1)**



**San Marin High School (7)**





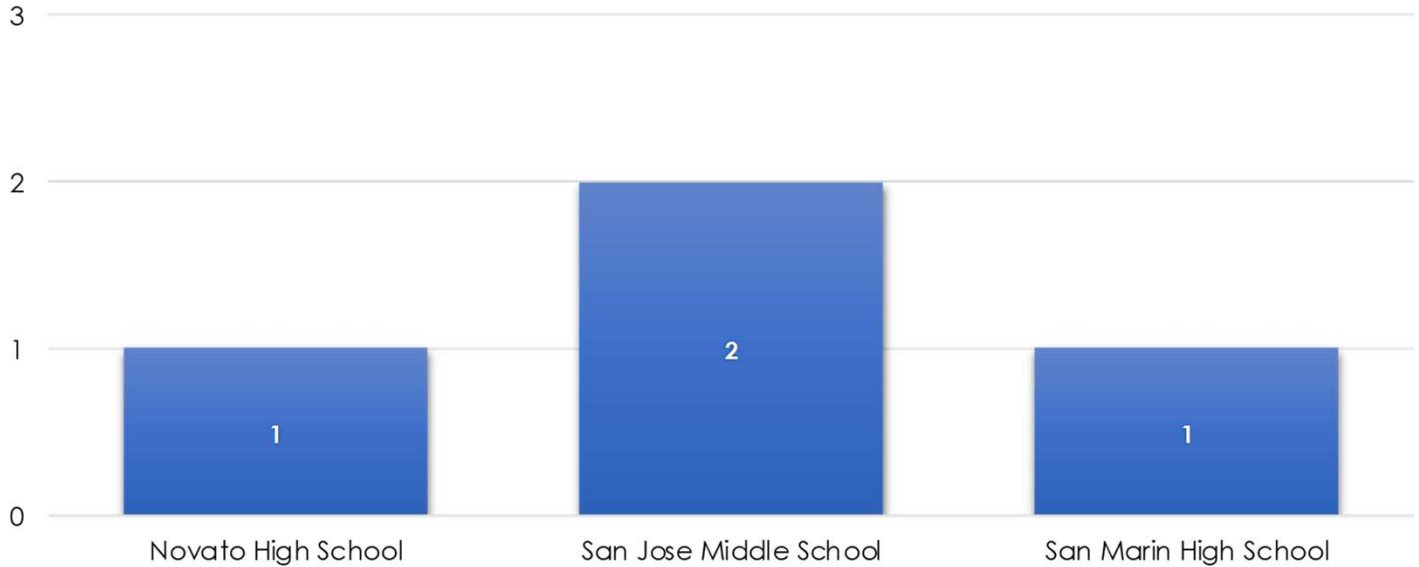
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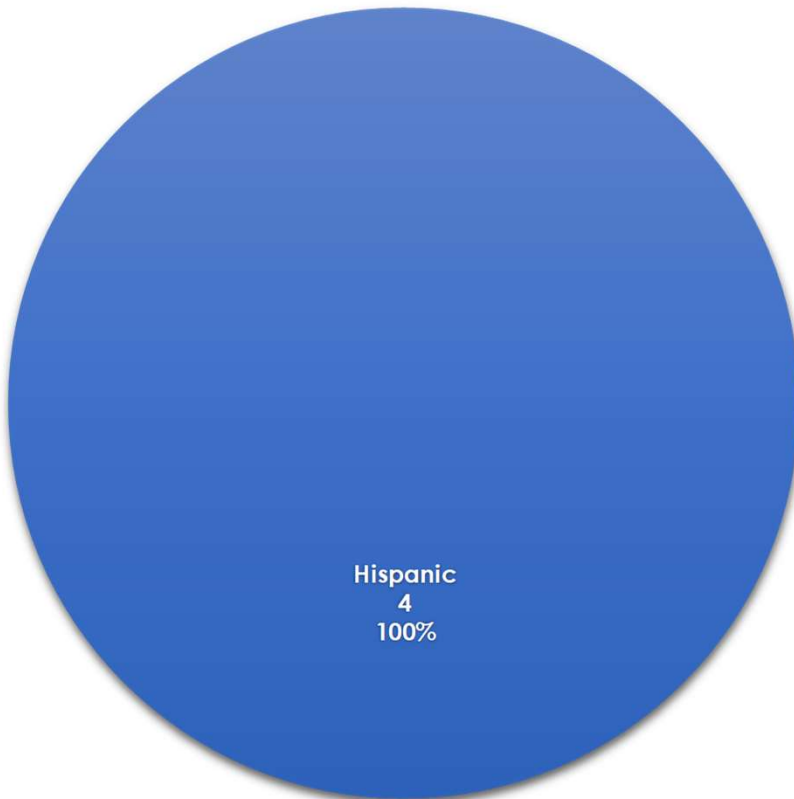
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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 Mental Health Reports

### Mental Health Reports (School)



### Mental Health Reports (Race)



The Reporting Party called Mobile Crisis twice for assistance with a student suffering from a mental health crisis. The mobile crisis team consists of licensed behavioral health clinicians that respond to individuals in the community who present in a crisis. In both instances, Mobile Crisis was unavailable.

When a student was taken to the hospital for mental health services, the student was transported to Unit B at MarinHealth Medical Center by the Novato Police Department all four times.

These numbers represent how often a police officer transported a student to mental health services.



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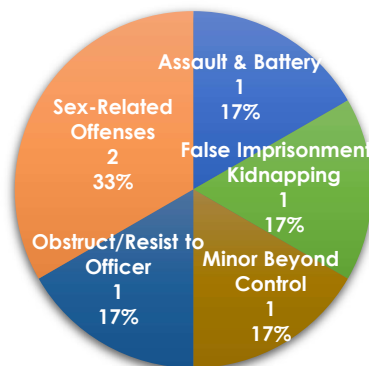
## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 School Resource Officer Reports Taken Off NUSD Campus (MISC Reports)

There were three times an Officer or School Resource Officer (SRO) responded to a Novato Unified School District school and issued a student a citation or booked the student at the Marin County Juvenile Hall in which the event did **not** occur on an NUSD campus. There were six total offenses charged to the students by an officer.

These events occurred at a student's home or near the school, but none of the below occurred on a campus. Below is a list of what schools the students attended, and the offenses charged.

Offense	Marin Oaks High School		San Marin High School	
	Cite	Juv Hall	Cite	Juv Hall
Assault & Battery	-	-	-	1
Give False ID to PO	1	-	-	-
False Imprisonment / Kidnapping	1	-	-	-
Minor Beyond Control	-	-	-	1
Sexual Assault	2	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	

### Off Campus Offenses





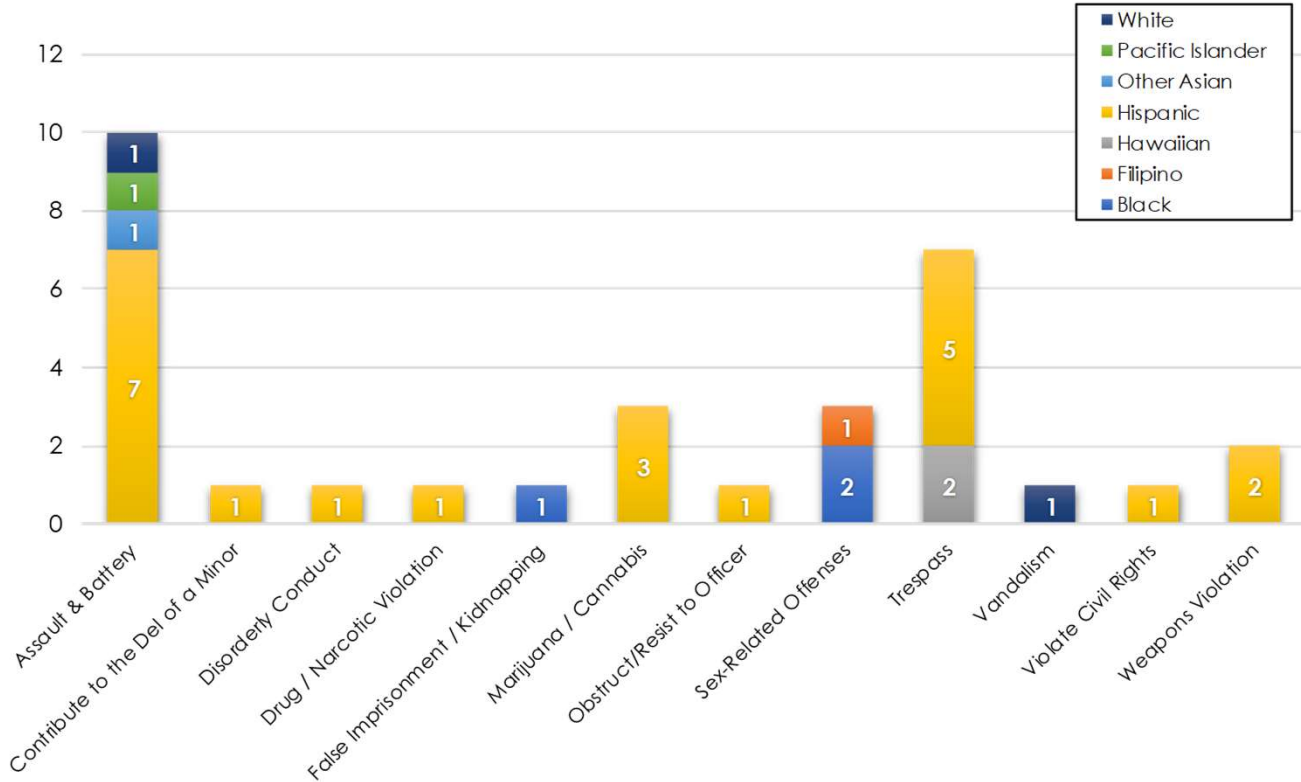
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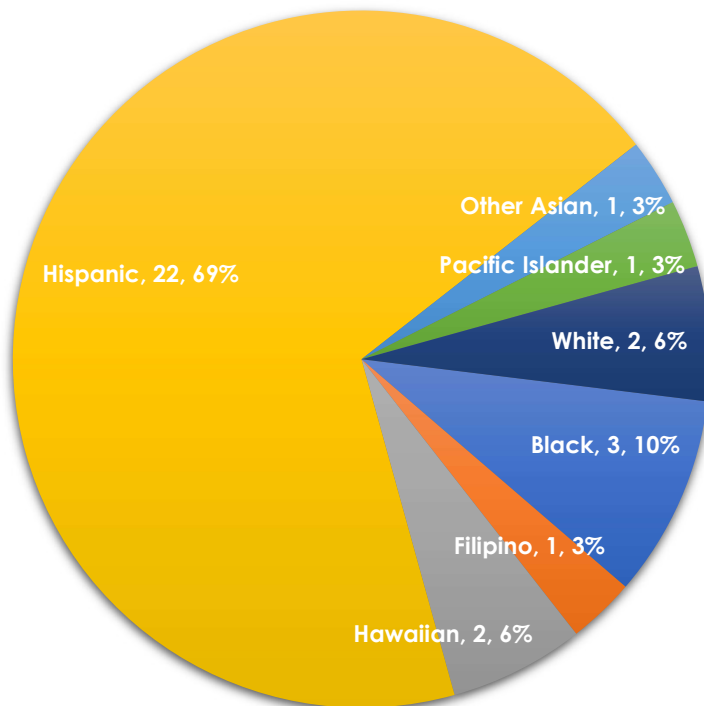
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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 Citations Issued by All Police Officers to NUSD Students

### Citations Issued (Offense by Race)



### Citations Issued (Race)







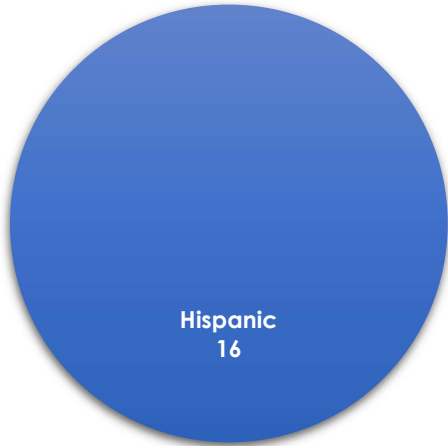
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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 Marin County Juvenile Hall Bookings

Marin County Juvenile Hall Bookings (Race)

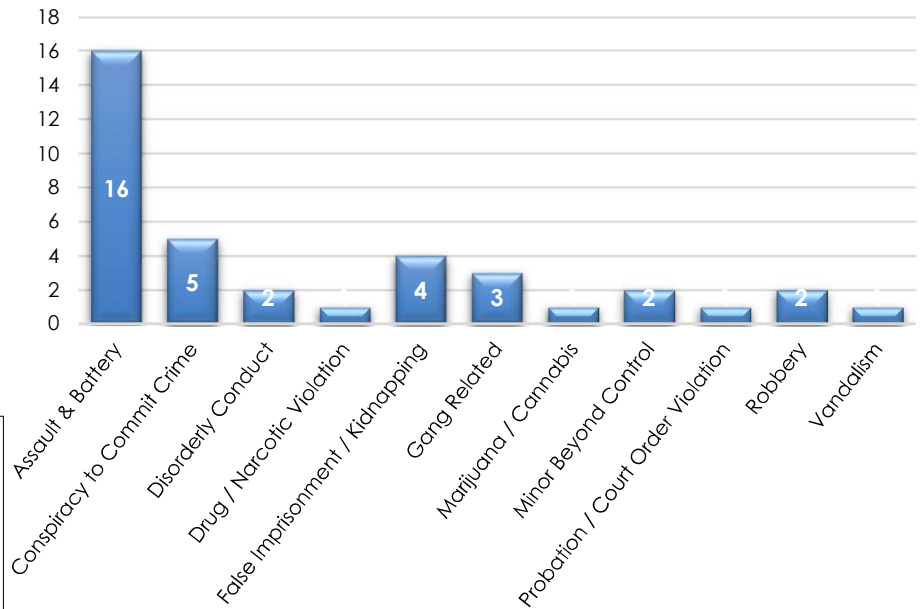


There were **16** instances a student was booked at the Marin County Juvenile Hall.



One case had six students booked, three in another, and two in a separate report.

Marin County Juvenile Hall Bookings (Total number of Offenses by Race)



Student	Offense(s) Booked
Student A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robbery (211 PC)</li> <li>False Imprisonment (236 PC)</li> <li>CNSP: Commit Crime (182(A)(1) PC)</li> </ul>
Student B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robbery (211 PC)</li> <li>False Imprisonment (236 PC)</li> <li>CNSP: Commit Crime (182(A)(1) PC)</li> <li>Battery on Person (242 PC)</li> </ul>
Student C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battery on Person (242 PC)</li> <li>All Other Juvenile S (601 W&amp;I)</li> </ul>
Student D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder (664/187(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assault Deadly Weapon (245(A)(1) PC)</li> <li>Participate in Crim Street Gang (186.22(A) PC)</li> <li>CNSP: Commit Crime (182(A)(1) PC)</li> </ul>

Student	Offense(s) Booked
Student L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kidnapping (207(A) PC)</li> <li>Participate in Crim Street Gang (186.22(A) PC)</li> <li>Battery w/ Serious Injury (243(D) PC)</li> <li>Conspiracy: Commit Crime (182(A)(1) PC)</li> <li>Battery on Person (242 PC)</li> <li>Smuggle Cntl Sub Jail (4573(A) PC)</li> </ul>
Student M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battery on Person (242 PC)</li> <li>Kidnapping (207(A) PC)</li> <li>Participate in Crim Street Gang (186.22(A) PC)</li> <li>CNSP: Commit Crime (182(A)(1) PC)</li> </ul>
Student N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Pattern of Unauthorized Entry (626.8(A)(3) PC)</li> <li>Obstruct/Resist/Etc Public/Peace Officer/Emergency Med Tech (148(A)(1) PC)</li> <li>Battery On Peace Officer/Emergency Personnel/Etc (243(B) PC)</li> <li>Minor Possess. of Cannabis (11357(a)(1) PC)</li> </ul>
Student O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor Beyond Control (601(A) WI)</li> <li>Fight/Challenge in Public Place (415(1) PC)</li> <li>Obstruct/Resist/Etc Public/Peace Officer/Emergency Med Tech (148(A)(1) PC)</li> </ul>
Student P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vandalism Less Than \$400 (594(B)(2) PC)</li> <li>Fail to Obey Order of Juvenile Court (777(A)(1) WI)</li> </ul>
Student Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battery: Spouse/Ex Spouse/Date/Etc (243(E)(1) PC)</li> </ul>

Students were booked due to the severity of the offense and history of misconduct. Not all incidents occurred during school hours.



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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 **PROACTIVE** Contacts by Police Officers Resulting in a Citation

### **One Proactive Contact Resulted in a Student Being Booked at Marin County Juvenile Hall**

Officers proactively initiated contact with students three times. As a result, one student was booked into Marin County Juvenile Hall for a failing to obey a juvenile court order and vandalism on school property.

The other two cases resulted in a citation being issued.

- One was for being under the age of 21 in possession of cannabis.
- The other was for providing false identification to a police officer. This event occurred off campus but involved the School Resource Officer.

#### Proactive Activity (Race)



#### Proactive Activity (Total Number of Offenses)



### ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INITIATED OPTIONS TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT

There were seven instances, involving nine students, in which an officer responded to a school on a call for service in which an offense had been committed by a student. However, instead of a citation being issued or the student being booked at Marin County Juvenile Hall, the school requested an alternative option to police enforcement.

*Please note, these seven reports were not included in the count of NPD response to Novato Unified District Schools.*

Alternative options included:

- School conducting their own investigation
- Student Admonished
- Suspension

Offenses:

- 11360(a)(1) HS: Sale of marijuana by a minor
- 240 PC: Assault (x2)
- 242 PC: Battery on person / simple assault (x4)
- Sexual Harassment
- 602 PC: Trespassing



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## City of Novato Schools and School Resource Officer Data: School Year 22/23 School Resource Officer Activity

### PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOOLS: EDUCATION

- 3** SRO Houser: 2 High Schools and Northbay Christian  
Traffic Safety/Pedestrian Safety and DUI education
- 9** SRO Houser: 9 Elementary Schools  
Dialing 911 / How to be a good citizen / What do police officers (SRO) do
- 3** SRO Houser: 3 High Schools  
Law Enforcement career path / Why SRO's wanted to go into Law Enforcement
- 4** SRO Houser: NUSD Administrators and staff  
Vaping/ drugs on campus and gang awareness
- 3** SRO Houser: Parent based committees  
SRO role and common social media uses/ safety

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ATTENDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL/DISTRICT: LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 7** San Marin High School football games (Friday Night Lights) and State  
Championship game
- 3** Graduations
- 1** Career fairs: Marin Oaks High School

### SRO / PATROL RESPONSE

**163** School days where SRO's provided service

**17** School days where patrol provided service

**180** School days during school year 2022-2023