



# Bellingham Police Department



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CHIEF OF POLICE  
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To whom it may concern, the following is in response to your public records request.

*I request the following public records, as defined in G. L. c. 4, § 7 (twenty-sixth):*

*An extract of your records management system or database that includes each school-related arrest and each referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school year (up until the day the records are produced). Specifically, we request an extract of the database to include the following columns:*

Based on limitations with our outdated records management system I am unable to generate an extract from the database that will answer these questions. Based on public records exemptions I am unable to provide certain information that you have requested. I have responded to all the questions that I have available information for and that I believe fall within the public record requirements.

*a. Date of arrest or referral to law enforcement*

During the 2018-2019 School year officers responded to 15 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 2 juveniles were charged with crimes.

During the 2019-2020 school year officers responded to 31 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 8 juveniles were charged with crimes.

During the 2020-2021 school year officers responded to 7 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 0 juveniles were charged with crimes.

During the 2021-2022 school year officers responded to 8 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 1 juvenile was charged with a crime.

*b. Time of arrest or referral to law enforcement*

*c. Charge (or charges)*

5 drug offenses, 3 fights, 2 vandalism, 1 larceny, and 1 dangerous weapon

*d. Whether the individual(s) was arrested or referred to law enforcement*

Any individual charged with a crime was charged through the summons process. There were no physical arrests of any juveniles from the schools.

*e. Sex of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*

10 males, 1 female

*f. Age of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*

16, 15, 13, 15, 17, 16, 17, 17, 16, 16, 17

*g. Race of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*

Arrests consisted of 7 white males, 2 black males (one twice), and 1 white female.

*h. Ethnicity of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*

Not recorded

*i. Disability status of the individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*

Not recorded

*j. Whether the individual arrested or referred to law enforcement is a student at the school.*

All were students.

*k. Name of arresting officer, if applicable, and*

All arrests were handled by SRO Leonard Gosselin (3) or SRO Douglas Houston (17)

*1. Badge number of the arresting officer or the officer that referred the youth to law enforcement, as applicable.*

*2. If such an extract of the database in question 1 is not possible, please provide school incident reports on each school-related arrest and referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school year (up until the day the records are produced).*

Reports pertaining to Juveniles are exempt from the public record.

*3. A copy of any active standard operating procedures developed with the police department and/or other law enforcement agencies regarding police placement or activity in your corresponding school; and,*

See attached MOU.

*4. Any records instructing or informing police personnel of, or otherwise describing data reporting requirements and procedures for complying with G.L. 71 § 37P(b).*

*2. The cost to the school district of assigning a school resource officer to each school; and,*

There is no cost to the school district.

*3. The total number of school resource officers and total number of guidance counselors for each school in your district for school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.*

The total number of SROs is 2 for the five schools.

*4. The total number and a brief description of 911 calls from schools in your district to local police departments conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.*

Unable to determine beyond the calls for service referenced above.

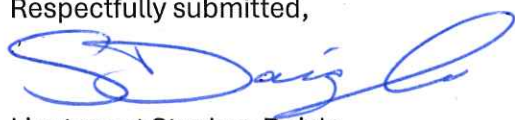
*5. A description of the proposed budget for mental, social, or emotional health support personnel for the school district.*

The Bellingham Public Schools seek to promote a safe and secure academic, physical, and social environment for all students and to teach explicit skills that will maximize opportunities for positive engagement with others.

The Bellingham School District currently employs 5 school counselors, 2 school adjustment counselors, and 1 school psychologist at Bellingham High School, 3 school counselors and 1 school psychologist at Bellingham Memorial School, and 1 school counselor/school adjustment counselor and one school psychologist at both elementary schools and 1 full-time clinical psychologist for the district. Additionally, the district utilizes approximately \$80,000 for mental, social, or emotional health support between budgeted and grant-funded materials.

Should you require any additional information please contact Lieutenant Stephen Daigle at [sdaigle@bellinghamma.org](mailto:sdaigle@bellinghamma.org)

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant Stephen Daigle

Attachment: BPD/BPSD MOU