

**Summary of information from records received about Redrock Academy under public records request from Utah Licensing Division and St. George Police Department (Note: There has been no public records request of the Sheriff's Department or for DCFS for child abuse investigations. PD request was June 2017-May14, 2019)**

**2016 Records**

March 3, 2016: Notice of Agency Action for Conditional Status

- Failure to report incidents to agencies and law enforcement
- 18 of 34 employees lack background screening
- Background screenings not submitted prior to start of work
- Accepted youth outside scope of safe care
- Failure to appropriately implement safety plan, leading to multiple "failure to protect" findings

**\*\*= Delay in Report**

**2017 Records**

June 25, 2017: 2 runaways. Found in Mesquite Nevada 2 days later

\*\*July 20, 2017: 15 year old male, **injury requiring stitches in head** (LE not called until after stitches were done and child was back from hospital)

September 13, 2017: 4 **girls injured**, assault

September 20, 2017: **Self inflicted stabbing**, 14 yo male, severe injury, required surgery. Failure to supervise and failure to store knives.

October 8, 2017: Runaway, 16 yo male

October 10, 2017: Ambulance call. 15 yo female with **head injury and tailbone injury**

October 12, 2017: Poor maintenance at school—leaking toilets, damage to walls, non functioning female bathroom, leaking tub faucets

October 17, 2017: Licensing review

- States program is not substance abuse specific

October 25, 2017: Staff injury and student charged with assault. Youth (15 yo girl) claimed she wanted to commit crime to go to jail to get out of Red Rock. Youth interviewed without attorney.

November 5, 2017: 2 runaways (16 yo female, 15 yo female)

## 2018 Reports

January 4, 2018: 14 yo male, **wrist broken by staff**. Restraints continued after complaints of pain. Staff charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree felony child abuse.

\*\*January 12, 2018: 16 yo male with **head injuries, marks on neck from staff hands, scratches**. Was **choked, pushed through window, received verbal abuse, his clothes were pulled off**. Staff cited for assault. 3 day delay in calling Law Enforcement (Assault was January 9. Report was made January 12)

\*\*February 19, 2018: **Girls and staff all harmed in assault**. No charges filed. Event occurred 1/12 but not reported until February 19.

\*\*February 22, 2018: 15 yo male **injured- stomped in head, vomited, lost consciousness, kneed, chest was stomped on, hit in ribs, punched**. Staff not present, staff said victim causes problems. Report to law enforcement delayed (event occurred on 2/21). No outside medical attention sought despite signs of head injury. One student cited for assault.

May 24, 2018: 17 year old male receives **head injury** as result of staff taking him to ground in restraint

\*\*July 25, 2018: 12 year old male, assaulted while playing guitar. **Kicked, hit in back of head**. Report delayed by one day (incident occurred 7/24). Youth (14 yo male) charged with Assault.

November 18, 2018: 2 male youth runaways (15 yo and 17 yo)

December 12, 2018: (Unannounced inspection) Blood on wall in time out room (repeat violatin), broken tiles in hall and bathroom, aerosol cans left out in dorm rooms

## 2019 Reports

January 1, 2019: Medical call: 15 yo girl in **15 minute + seizure with no history of seizure disorder**

\*\*January 10, 2019 (delayed report, incident occurred January 8): Staff member assaults 2 youth (15 and 16 yo males). Staff 6'4", 250 pounds attacks 15 yo youth 5'6" 150 pounds. **Headlocked, pushed down and hit head, bumps on heads, abrasions, bruising, choke hold, inappropriate restraint.** Staff charged with assault of both boys.

\*\*January 14, 2019: 13 yo girl charged with assault of staff- punched staff in head. Interviewed and confessed to law enforcement without an attorney present. Report delayed by 1 day.

January 24, 2019: Staff member **grabbed student, pushed against wall. Pulled on youth's shirt, slapped youth, then threw chair across room at him.** Staff member not charged, but dismissed from service.

February 11, 2019: Staff put student in **unauthorized jiu-jitsu choke hold. Had both arms around neck and choked him, and then placed his legs around him disrupting his breathing.** Youth asked him to stop. Youth got free by stabbing staff with pen. Youth had **scratches on face and arms.** Not first time this staff put this youth in this restraint. Staff terminated

\*\*March 12, 2019: Staff goes to police station to report assault that occurred on 3/12 (hair pulling). She says staff not allowed to have police come to campus. 13 yo charged with assault. Confesses in interview, says staff did not follow behavior plan. No attorney present.

March 20, 2019: Report received by licensing about abuse, neglect and unethical behaviors at Red Roc. Licenser notes recent problems with staffing levels, staff behavior, and **staff abuse of clients.** Aerosol cans also found out accessible to youth.

\*\*April 12, 2019: (Delayed report. Incident occurred 4/6). 15yo boy **punched in head and face , unprovoked, repeatedly by 4 boys while sitting on bed.** They report he talks funny and is disrespectful. Victim and parents request interpreter for interview but none is found so interview done in English only. 4 boys (14 and 15 years old), including 2 Oregonians charged with assault. One was interviewed with no attorney and spent 22 hours in jail. 1 asked for an attorney so no interview took place.

April 15, 2019: (Delayed report. Incident happened 4/12). 17 yo male hits staff from behind. No injury. Youth charged with assault. Youth refused interview.

\*\*April 25, 2019: (Delayed report of two assaults occurring to same youth 4/23 and 4/24) **14 yo boy assaulted by 2 other students (punched in head by two students while walking out of class)** Victim reports that the other students were "cheeking" and reselling their medications on campus. April 24, **same victim is punched in head again.** Two youth charged with assault.

April 28, 2019: Major incident on campus

49 responding officers

Most youth handcuffed

SWAT Team responds

Multiple injuries

- Staff threatens and demeans girls with sexually based language (“**thirsty whores**” “**horny little girls**” “**little bitches**”); **Punches girls in face with closed fist. Pulls girls across floor by hair.** One girl uses toilet lid to defend herself. Staff not injured. She is charged with felony assault.
- Additional **staff pushes, taunts, and hits other youth.** Youth throws garbage can lid at staff and hits back while in restraint. Staff has scratches on knees. Youth charged with assault
- Male youth fighting—some protecting girls from staff. Some attacking girls on behalf of staff.
- **Female held face down on ground by LE and cuffed**

7 kids at hospital with injuries:

- 17 yo female: **Cut to lip and asthma attack**
- 17 yo male: **Scrapes and bruising to right side of face; kicked in ribs and head; put in choke hold and passed out**
- 15 yo male: **Cuts to head from rocks, needed staples**
- 17 yo male: **Cut to right hand**
- 17 yo male: Handcuffed by LE while washing his hands (other students had bled on him while trying to held an injured student). His arm pulled up by officer, causing **shoulder to be popped out of socket.** He was not resisting.

April 29, 2019: 15 yo male assaults 2 staff with a pencil and a paver, stating he will kill someone to get out of Redrock Canyon School. Taken down in restraint, **ankle twisted.** Arrested and charged with assault.

May 14, 2019: Staff member brings and drops meth in dorm room.