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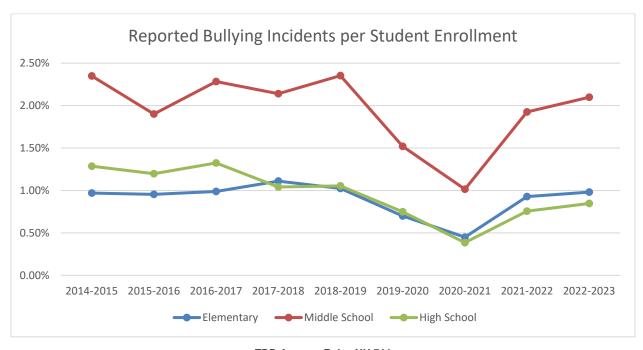
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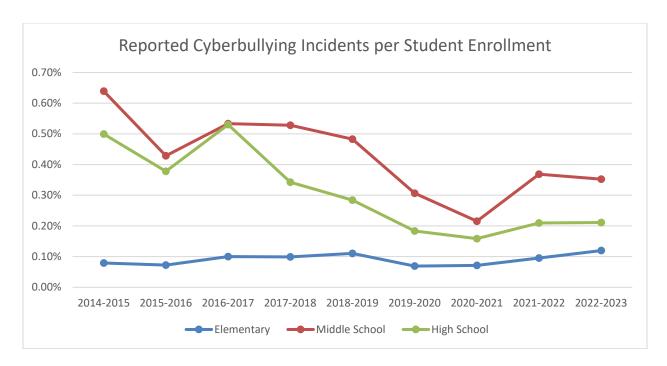
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SUBJECT: School Bullying Report – School Year 2022-2023

In compliance with RSA 193-F:6,II, attached is the Department's Annual Report of Substantiated Bullying and Cyberbullying in the schools for School Year 2022-2023. The report includes the number and type of incidents broken down by Elementary, Middle School and High School.

In furtherance of its responsibilities as outlined in RSA 193-F:6,II, the Department of Education assists the school districts with recommended actions to address identified problems with pupil safety and violence prevention by responding to and assisting constituents and school districts regarding alleged bullying and cyberbullying incidents at the school district level.





The Office of Social and Emotional Wellness (OSEW) within the Bureau of Student Wellness provides trainings, technical assistance, and tools for NH schools to promote positive school climate and culture, prevent bullying incidents, and respond to bullying behavior. OSEW staff provide prevention-focused trainings for NH educators on the topics of building protective factors in students focused on building resilience, and the implementation of the multi-tiered system of supports for behavioral (MTSS-B) framework. Bullying prevention technical assistance efforts focus on helping schools use relevant bullying data to select and implement bullying prevention strategies and monitor progress on these practices. At the state-level, OSEW staff attend prevention meetings and conferences with key stakeholders to remain current on local and national trends and best practices for bullying prevention and postvention. Finally, OSEW's Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Toolkit offers a centralized, publicly available hub of resources for schools.

In addition, the Governor's Office and the Department of Education continue to collaborate to improve school climate and expand programming in support of student resilience, including offering a number of programs to New Hampshire schools as well as afterschool and summer programming.

The Department of Education was contacted 109 times by constituents regarding alleged bullying and cyberbullying complaints from July 2022 to June 2023. Each time constituents contacted the Department of Education regarding an alleged bullying or cyberbullying complaint, the Department worked with the local school district in question to provide technical assistance.

Please feel free to contact this office with specific questions.

Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	Report School Year 2014-2015		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	79730	30514	51686
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	773	717	665
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	63	195	258
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	388	431	339
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	31	100	162
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	51	14	34
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	9	23	17
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	19	13	21
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	23	13	5
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	43	53	31
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	332	394	336
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	219	328	283
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	110	95	111
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	36	38	14
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	9	14	11
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	135	87	94
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	103	68	121
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	31	21	54

For bullying data by school go to:

https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/school-safety-data-collection

Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2015-2016		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	80230	30578	52639
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	766	581	630
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	58	131	199
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	368	291	256
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	35	55	106
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	19	13	30
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	12	27	17
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	17	24	10
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	19	20	13
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	57	55	23
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	297	254	234
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	190	168	178
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	136	91	81
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	45	27	18
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	7	4	5
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	121	91	108
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	108	44	50
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	50	29	28

For bullying data by school go to:

Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2016-2017		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	80915	30578	52639
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	800	698	697
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	81	163	279
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	415	331	222
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	54	84	136
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	15	24	31
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	18	31	27
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	13	25	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	23	22	11
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	42	70	32
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	361	200	195
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	185	151	168
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	133	113	92
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	49	15	7
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	8	10	1
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	139	95	104
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	59	74	114
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	30	32	20

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2017-2018		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	80977	30477	52601
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	899	652	548
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	80	161	180
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	374	293	254
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	33	83	96
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	12	24	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	13	24	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	15	21	22
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	31	14	10
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	36	62	35
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	305	220	205
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	159	160	138
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	177	89	80
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	43	17	8
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	9	2	2
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	136	68	68
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	87	49	52
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	31	29	30

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2018-2019		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	82409	30647	52819
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	844	721	557
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	91	148	150
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	391	379	200
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	49	86	64
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	11	14	18
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	12	44	17
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	25	32	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	12	16	6
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	44	65	27
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	340	283	170
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	174	154	129
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	168	116	83
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	43	20	9
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	1	4	0
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	98	100	61
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	78	51	44
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	37	39	20

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2019-2020		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	82484	30647	52934
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	577	466	396
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	57	94	97
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	274	227	173
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	30	48	61
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	15	27	23
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	14	29	22
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	21	21	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	20	11	13
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	48	43	17
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	194	126	111
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	132	87	118
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	114	104	39
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	39	17	7
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	2	2	2
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	119	80	39
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	70	42	33
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	16	24	16

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2020-2021		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	82877	30647	52344
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	373	311	202
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	59	66	83
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	166	178	87
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	30	37	36
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	11	11	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	15	19	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	10	18	5
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	8	3	3
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	22	14	12
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	132	126	65
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	99	111	61
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	54	42	25
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	21	5	7
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	4	0	2
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	71	36	35
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	58	46	28
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	23	3	9

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2021-2022		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	82941	30647	52980
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	770	590	401
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	79	113	111
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	336	337	202
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	36	65	52
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	21	30	24
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	25	32	21
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	17	26	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	15	16	11
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	70	45	36
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	231	229	136
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	149	202	128
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	160	109	63
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	54	13	12
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	17	2	1
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	107	96	75
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	91	72	50
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	30	19	31

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Bullying Report School Years 2014 - 2015 Through 2022 - 2023

Bullying Report	School Year 2022-2023		
School Approval Level	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	83588	30657	53020
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	820	643	449
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	100	108	112
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	347	335	200
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	51	65	65
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	20	18	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	12	22	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	22	44	24
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	21	26	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	37	55	29
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	275	203	139
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	127	183	117
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	160	152	83
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	36	20	5
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	6	4	2
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	134	121	38
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	102	113	34
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	47	21	13

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