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RE: School Bullying Report – School Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024. 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 and Nutrition provides trainings, technical assistance, and tools for New Hampshire schools to promote positive school climate and culture, prevent bullying incidents, and respond to bullying behavior. OSEW staff provide prevention-focused trainings for New Hampshire educators on the topics of building protective factors for students, trauma-responsive classrooms, adult social emotional learning, diversity and cultural competence, and the multi-tiered system of supports for behavioral health and wellness (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, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Education continue to collaborate to improve school climate and expand social and emotional learning (SEL) statewide by offering the [ChooSELove](#) at no cost to New Hampshire’s schools. This program is a comprehensive lifespan curriculum for infants/toddlers, grades PreK-12, a home program, a community program, and an athlete/coach’s program. Topics covered by the program include fostering healthy and positive relationships, managing emotions, building resiliency, and responsible decision-making. To supplement the curriculum, [ChooSELove](#) presentations and workshops are provided state-wide to support implementation best practices in schools.

The 2023-2024 report shows a slight increase in middle school bullying and a decrease in high school bullying incidents. The Department of Education was contacted 92 times by constituents regarding alleged bullying and cyberbullying complaints from July 2023 to June 2024, which is down 17 times from the same period last year. 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.

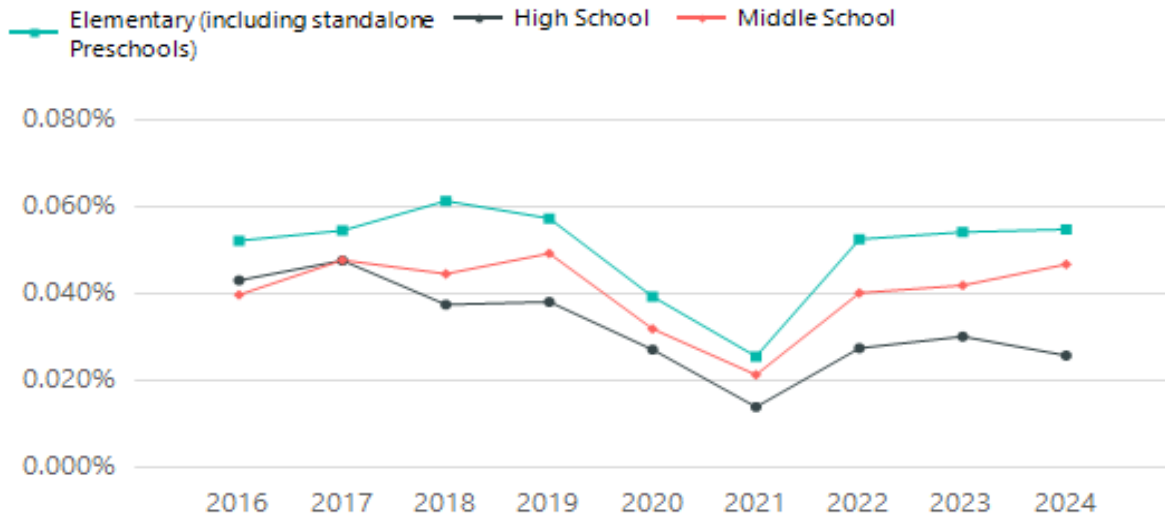
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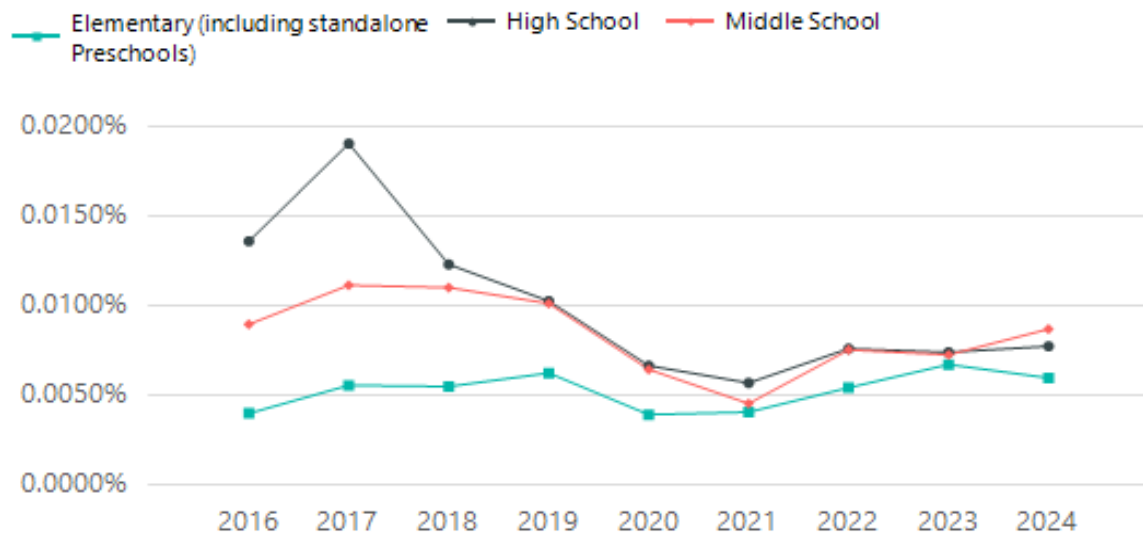
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Attachments (1) - graphs

Percent Reported Incidents of Bullying per Student Enrollment



Percent Reported Incidents of Cyberbullying per Student Enrollment



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Bullying Report	2015 - 2016			2016 - 2017		
	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
School Approval Level						
State Enrollment	79093	30005	51763	79756	30005	51763
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	764	581	630	798	698	697
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	58	131	199	81	163	279
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	366	291	256	413	331	222
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	35	55	106	54	84	136
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	19	13	30	15	24	31
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	12	27	17	18	31	27
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	17	24	10	13	25	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	19	20	13	23	22	11
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	57	55	23	42	70	32
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	295	254	234	359	200	195
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	189	168	178	184	151	168
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	136	91	81	132	113	92
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	45	27	18	49	15	7
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	7	4	5	8	10	1
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	121	91	108	139	95	104
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	107	44	50	59	74	114
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	50	29	28	30	32	20

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>

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	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
School Approval Level						
State Enrollment	79860	29913	51690	81310	30052	51934
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	898	652	548	839	721	557
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	80	161	180	91	148	150
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	373	293	254	388	379	200
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	33	83	96	49	86	64
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	12	24	16	11	14	18
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	13	24	16	12	44	17
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	15	21	22	25	32	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	31	14	10	12	16	6
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	36	62	35	44	65	27
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	304	220	205	337	283	170
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	159	160	138	173	154	129
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	176	89	80	168	116	83
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	43	17	8	43	20	9
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	9	2	2	1	4	0
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	136	68	68	97	100	61
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	87	49	52	77	51	44
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	31	29	30	37	39	20

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School Approval Level						
State Enrollment	81379	30052	52061	81771	30052	51478
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	575	466	396	373	311	202
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	57	94	97	59	66	83
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	273	227	173	166	178	87
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	30	48	61	30	37	36
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	15	27	23	11	11	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	14	29	22	15	19	16
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	21	21	16	10	18	5
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	19	11	13	8	3	3
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	48	43	17	22	14	12
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	194	126	111	132	126	65
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	131	87	118	99	111	61
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	114	104	39	54	42	25
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	39	17	7	21	5	7
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	2	2	2	4	0	2
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	118	80	39	71	36	35
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	70	42	33	58	46	28
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	16	24	16	23	3	9

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School Approval Level						
State Enrollment	81893	30052	52117	82683	30052	52142
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	769	587	401	793	613	440
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	79	110	111	98	106	108
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	335	337	202	341	328	191
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	36	64	52	48	64	61
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	20	30	24	20	17	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	25	32	21	12	22	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	17	26	16	22	42	24
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	15	16	11	21	25	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	70	45	36	40	55	29
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	231	229	136	272	201	130
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	149	200	128	128	178	109
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	159	109	63	161	149	82
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	53	13	12	36	20	5
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	16	2	1	6	4	2
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	107	96	75	126	116	39
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	91	72	50	107	110	34
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	30	19	31	47	18	13

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School Approval Level			
State Enrollment	82714	30097	52124
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	805	684	376
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	87	127	113
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	321	328	188
Number of incidents of <i>investigated</i> and <i>actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	50	68	65
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	9	12	8
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	10	23	15
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	28	37	20
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	18	26	14
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	57	53	36
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	226	231	150
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	131	198	132
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	189	151	61
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	33	22	9
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	1	3	4
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	128	154	57
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	113	136	45
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	35	46	7

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