

Understanding the District and School Grade Report

Under the Commissioner's Program for Determining Grades, the school grade is a raw score of data and the sum of the ratings for all indicators within each core element on the School Self- Assessment (e.g., 65 of 78 points). The maximum total score for a school is 78 points. The school district's grade is an average of the total scores of all schools in the school district.

*The NJDOE-issued grade is not represented as a letter grade, and the NJDOE is not issuing any associated value or ranking for the raw and average scores. The raw and average scores reflect the school and school district's degree of compliance with the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR)*, as determined primarily through each school's self-assessment of its implementation of the ABR.*

The self assessment addresses the degree to which our district schools

*established, implemented and assessed HIB programs, approaches or other initiatives which were designed to create school wide conditions to prevent and address HIB

*organized a school safety/school climate team which identified patterns of HIB and reviewed school climate and school policies for the prevention of HIB

*provided school employees, contracted service providers, students and volunteers training on the HIB policy

*provided each teaching staff member with at least two hours of instruction in both suicide prevention along with HIB information and HIB prevention, in each five year period

*appointed an Anti-Bullying Specialist (ABS) and time was given during the usual school schedule to participate in in-service training in preparation to act as ABS, the members of the School Climate Team (SCT) were provided with professional development in effective practices of successful climate programs or approaches and the school building leaders received information on the prevention of HIB

*provided ongoing, age appropriate instruction on preventing HIB in accordance with the NJ Student Learning Standards

*observed the "Week of Respect"

*allowed the ABS to meet with the District Anti-Bullying Specialist (DABC)

*allowed the SCT to meet at least twice a year to develop, foster and maintain a positive school climate

*implemented the district's procedure for reporting HIB that includes all required elements including reporting new information on a prior HIB report and notifying parents of alleged

offenders and alleged victims, completing the investigation with 10 school days of the written incident report, preparing a written report on the findings, and reporting the results of the investigation to the chief school administrator within 2 school days of completion of the investigation

*ensures that the school has a procedure to ensure that staff members reports include the required information for all incidents of violence, vandalism and HIB.

*display the official grades received from the NJDOE for the self assessment from the previous reporting period on the home page of the school's website per the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (ABR) and the requirement of the NJDOE

Information on the ABR can be found on our district/school homepage and at:

www.nj.gov/education/students/safety/behavior/hib/ParentGuide.pdf

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