



Student Survey: Name-Calling & Verbal Bullying

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please help to make your school a safer place by answering the following questions about bullying. There are no right or wrong answers. We want to know what you really think about the way things are at your school. Your answers will be kept confidential—no one will know your name or how you have answered the questions below.

This survey is mostly about name-calling and verbal bullying, which refers to unwanted and hurtful words. Name-calling and verbal bullying is often done on purpose, but in some cases may be unintentional. The survey also asks some questions about bullying in general, which includes name-calling as well as other types of unwanted behavior, such as inappropriate touching, hitting, and threats. The survey asks about your experiences at school, which includes what happens on the way to and from school.

ABOUT YOU

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female ___ Other: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Religion: _____

Do you have a disability? (If so, describe): _____

BULLYING AT SCHOOL

1. What is your experience with name-calling or verbal bullying at school (during any school year)?

I have experienced bullying: ___ frequently ___ sometimes ___ hardly ever ___ never

I have witnessed bullying: ___ frequently ___ sometimes ___ hardly ever ___ never

I have carried out bullying: ___ frequently ___ sometimes ___ hardly ever ___ never

2. During which grade(s) or school year(s) has name-calling or verbal bullying been the greatest problem (check all that apply)?

___ 4th Grade ___ 5th Grade ___ 6th Grade

___ 7th Grade ___ 8th Grade ___ 9th Grade



3. What has your experience been with teasing or name-calling at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

4. How often has someone said something cruel to others at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

5. How often has someone been threatened or verbally intimidated at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

6. How often have negative rumors, gossip or secrets been told about someone at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

7. If name-calling or verbal bullying has taken place, check each item below that reflects the type of comment you heard.

- ☐ Names based on race or ethnicity
- ☐ Names based on religion
- ☐ Names based on sexual orientation
- ☐ Names based on how “masculine” or feminine” students appear or behave
- ☐ Names based on body size or shape (height, weight, etc.)
- ☐ Names based on clothing worn
- ☐ Names based on level of physical attractiveness
- ☐ Names based on intelligence
- ☐ Names based on physical ability
- ☐ Names based on who one’s friends are or how someone “fits in” socially
- ☐ Names based on family structure or about family members
- ☐ Curses and other generally hostile or mean comments
- ☐ Other (please list):



8. How often has name-calling been accompanied or followed by being touched in an inappropriate way at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

9. How often has name-calling been accompanied or followed by physical bullying (being hit, kicked, punched, tripped, etc.) at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

10. How often has someone been left out of activities or have others refused to play/socialize with someone at school in the past month?

I have experienced it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have witnessed it: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times
 I have carried it out: ☐ never ☐ 1-2 times ☐ 3-4 times ☐ more than 4 times

11. Who has carried out the bullying that you have described above? (Check all that apply).

	The bullying I experienced was carried out by:	The bullying I witnessed was carried out by:	The bullying I carried out was done to:
Boys			
Girls			
Younger Students			
Older Students			
Students the same age			
Larger/stronger students			
Smaller/weaker students			
Students the same size			
Students of the same race/ethnicity			
Students of a different race/ethnicity			
No bullying took place			



12. In the past month, name-calling or verbal bullying has taken place in the following places (Check all that apply):

	I experienced bullying...	I witnessed bullying...	I carried out bullying...
In the playground			
In the classroom			
In the lunchroom			
In the hallways			
In the gym/locker room			
Walking/traveling to or from school			
Other places (please list):			
1.			
2.			
3.			

RESPONSE TO BULLYING

13. When name-calling or bullying occurred, what was the student's response (check all that apply)?

	When I experienced bullying, I...	When I witnessed bullying, the person who was bullied...
Ignored the bullying		
Tried to avoid the situation		
Walked away from or left the situation		
Verbally told the person who bullied to stop		
Used insulting or teasing words back at the person who bullied		
Hit or physically reacted to the person who bullied		
Cried or expressed fear in another way		
Got support from a friend		
Told a teacher or adult at school		
Told a parent or family member		
Told no one or did nothing		
Other (please list):		
1.		
2.		
3.		

14. If bullying took place, how well did the adults at school handle it?

☐ Poorly ☐ Okay ☐ Well ☐ Bullying was ignored or not dealt with at all

☐ Adults did not know about the bullying ☐ No bullying took place

☐ Other:

15. What did the adults at school do in response to bullying (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Put a stop to the bullying
- ☐ Reprimanded or scolded the person who bullied
- ☐ Punished the person who bullied
- ☐ Contacted the parents or family of the person who bullied
- ☐ Provided support or comfort to the person who was bullied
- ☐ Helped the person who was bullied to avoid or respond to future bullying situations
- ☐ Contacted the parents or family of the person who was bullied
- ☐ Talked to the class or taught lessons about bullying
- ☐ Adults ignored or did nothing about bullying
- ☐ Adults did not know about the bullying
- ☐ No bullying took place
- ☐ Other:

16. Overall, how would you rate the efforts of adults at your school to prevent students from picking on one another?

☐ very good ☐ good ☐ poor ☐ don't know

17. Overall, how would you rate the efforts of adults to make your school a safe place in which to learn?

☐ very good ☐ good ☐ poor ☐ don't know

18. Overall, I believe there is a problem with bullying at my school.

☐ agree very much ☐ agree ☐ disagree ☐ disagree very much

ATTITUDES ABOUT BULLYING

19. Most teasing I see is done in fun, not to hurt people.

☐ agree very much ☐ agree ☐ disagree ☐ disagree very much



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20. Most students who get bullied bring it on themselves.
___ agree very much ___ agree ___ disagree ___ disagree very much
21. Bullying helps people by teaching them what is important to the group.
___ agree very much ___ agree ___ disagree ___ disagree very much
22. Bullying helps people by making them tougher.
___ agree very much ___ agree ___ disagree ___ disagree very much
23. Some things that I would like to see adults in my school do about bullying:
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24. Some things that I would like to see other students do (or stop doing):
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25. Other things I have to say about bullying at school: