



**School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the
Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights**
District and School Grade Report to the Board of Education for 2025-2026

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A provision in the state’s Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act requires the Commissioner of Education to develop a program to grade the efforts of each public school and district to address bullying in the school environment.

To do so, the New Jersey Department of Education created a self-assessment form for each school to measure how well it met the act’s requirements. The Anti-Bullying Specialists at Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School, with input from stakeholders, have completed the self-assessment for the 2025-2026 school year. The scores have been submitted to the NJDOE through New Jersey Homeroom.

The superintendent must present each completed Self-Assessment at a public Board of Education (BOE) meeting to obtain public comment and BOE approval. After the district certifies that the BOE approved the self-assessment scores, the NJDOE will review data and create and issue school and district grade reports, which will be posted on our district and school websites. The 2024-2025 scores are currently posted on our [district website](#).

The self-assessment gives each school a raw score from 0 to 78, based on how well the school met requirements in eight categories. The grading rubric categories include: providing programs to prevent harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB); staff training; student curriculum and instruction; reporting and investigation procedures; and proper staffing. For each indicator, a score of 3 indicates *exceeds all requirements*; 2 indicates *meets all requirements*; 1 indicates *partially meets requirements*; and 0 indicates *does not meet requirements*. The Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights* scores for our schools for 2025-2026 are:

Hillside Elementary School

Core Element #1: HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives	14/15
Core Element #2: Training on the BOE-approved HIB Policy	9/9
Core Element #3: Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs	15/15
Core Element #4: Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Info/Skills	6/6
Core Element #5: HIB Personnel	9/9
Core Element #6: School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure	6/6
Core Element #7: HIB Investigation Procedure	12/12
Core Element #8: HIB Reporting	6/6
<u>Total Score:</u>	77/78

During the 2025-2026 school year at Hillside Elementary School, there was one time that a preliminary determination was made by the principal that a reported incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB and did not need to be investigated as HIB.

Tenakill Middle School

Core Element #1: HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives	15/15
Core Element #2: Training on the BOE-approved HIB Policy	9/9
Core Element #3: Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs	15/15
Core Element #4: Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Info/Skills	6/6
Core Element #5: HIB Personnel	9/9
Core Element #6: School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure	6/6
Core Element #7: HIB Investigation Procedure	12/12
Core Element #8: HIB Reporting	6/6
<u>Total Score:</u>	78/78

During the 2025-2026 school year at Tenakill Middle School, there were four times that a preliminary determination was made by the principal that a reported incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB and did not need to be investigated as HIB.