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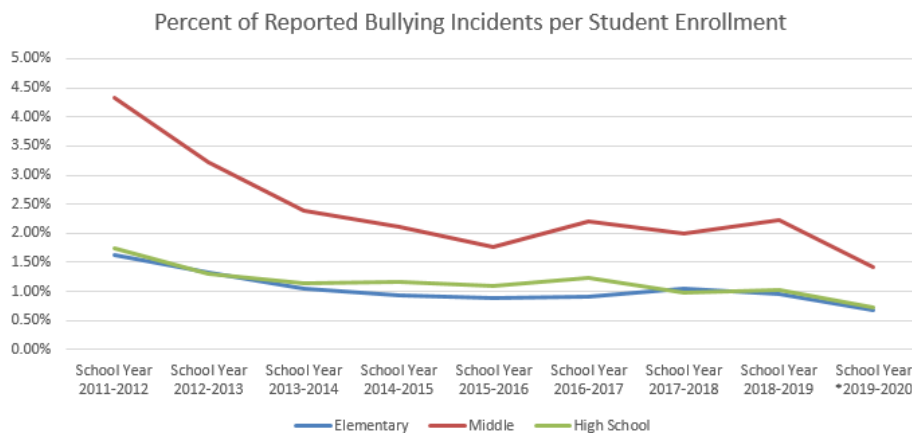
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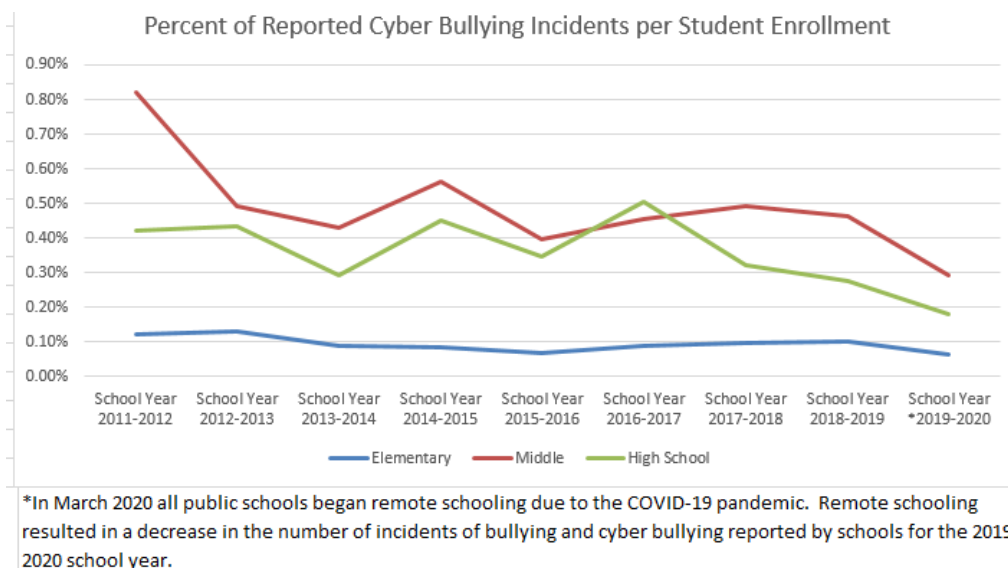
In compliance with [RSA 193-F:6,II](#), attached is the Department’s Annual Report of Substantiated Bullying and Cyberbullying in the schools for FY 2019-2020. The report includes the number and type of incidents broken down by Elementary, Middle School and High School.

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.

In March 2020 all public schools began remote schooling due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As shown in the graphs below, remote schooling resulted in a decrease in the number of incidents of bullying and cyber bullying reported by schools for the 2019-2020 school year.



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The Bureau of Student Wellness – Office of Social & Emotional Wellness (BSW-OSEW) provides technical assistance and resources to NH Schools to support prevention efforts, including in the areas of bullying and violence. BSW-OSEW offers trainings, technical assistance and tools for schools/districts to use to plan and implement a student wellness initiative that promotes a positive school climate and culture. Current efforts are underway to expand bullying prevention technical assistance offerings to include: bullying policy monitoring and best practices; data analysis on bullying statistics, bullying prevention strategic planning and restorative practices to support the victims and the offenders of bullying; and educational opportunities and support for families.

Additionally, the Governor’s Office and the Department of Education are working with the [Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement](#) to make New Hampshire’s schools safer by expanding social and emotional learning (SEL) programs in schools at all levels statewide. This powerful program changes school culture and climate and creates healthier communities. It is a comprehensive lifespan program including: Infant/Toddler, Grades PreK- Grade 12, a Home program, Community program, and an Athletes/Coaches program as well. In order to overcome obstacles preventing schools, families and communities from being able to access a comprehensive SEL program, which teaches how to have healthy and positive relationships; how to manage emotions; how to be resilient; and how to make responsible decisions, it has been made available at no cost. Additionally, presentations and workshops are provided state-wide as well as support/collaboration for best implementation practice to meet the needs of each district.

The Department of Education was contacted 26 times by constituents regarding alleged bullying and cyberbullying complaints from July 2019 to June 2020. 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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Bullying Report School Years 2014-2015 Through 2019-2020

Bullying Report	School Year 2015-2016			School Year 2016-2017			School Year 2017-2018			School Year 2018-2019			*School Year 2019-2020		
	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	90,459	33,060	57,435	90,197	32,637	56,554	88,846	32,190	55,865	89,481	32,099	55,785	86,895	32,607	55,205
Number of incidents of bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year (of any kind)	793	584	632	812	720	701	931	646	553	864	712	576	591	463	396
Number of incidents of cyber bullying <i>reported</i> during the past year	60	131	199	81	149	285	87	159	180	92	149	153	57	96	99
Number of incidents of <i>investigated and actual</i> bullying during the past year (of any kind)	378	297	256	427	354	226	386	289	256	401	373	202	279	226	178
Number of incidents of <i>investigated and actual</i> cyber bullying during the past year	39	53	107	56	75	142	35	81	96	50	86	65	30	49	65
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	22	13	30	22	24	31	15	23	16	13	13	19	15	27	23
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	12	27	17	18	31	27	14	24	16	12	44	17	14	29	25
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	18	24	10	15	26	20	17	21	22	26	31	14	21	21	19
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	23	17	13	23	23	11	32	13	10	13	15	7	20	13	15
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	58	56	23	41	68	32	37	62	35	46	64	28	49	49	21
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	303	261	235	364	214	201	310	217	207	344	282	170	198	126	119
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a single significant event	201	167	180	184	169	170	164	159	138	183	149	131	134	95	134
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	140	92	81	144	106	96	182	88	80	169	116	83	114	101	38
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	50	24	18	55	15	7	43	17	8	46	17	10	39	19	8
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	8	3	5	9	10	1	9	2	2	1	4	0	2	2	2
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	133	83	108	148	89	110	142	65	70	103	97	63	122	76	43
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	119	43	51	60	63	120	92	46	52	79	51	46	70	42	33
Number of <i>actual</i> bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	49	32	29	29	28	24	31	29	32	43	34	22	16	24	16

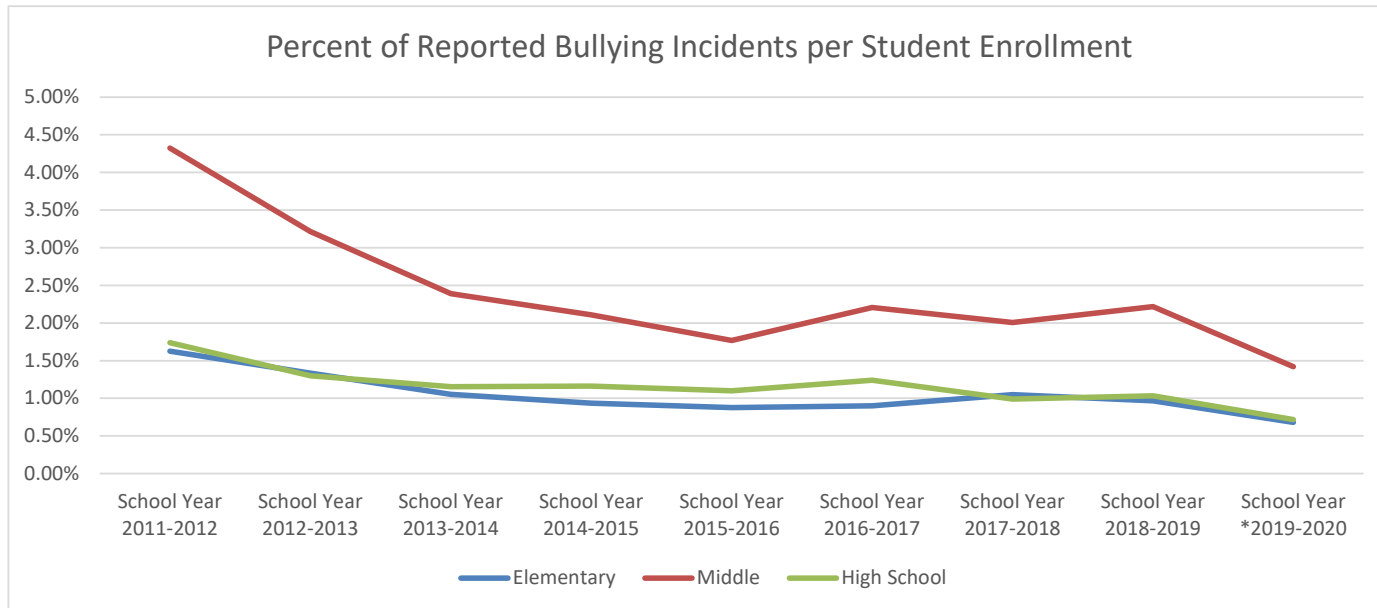
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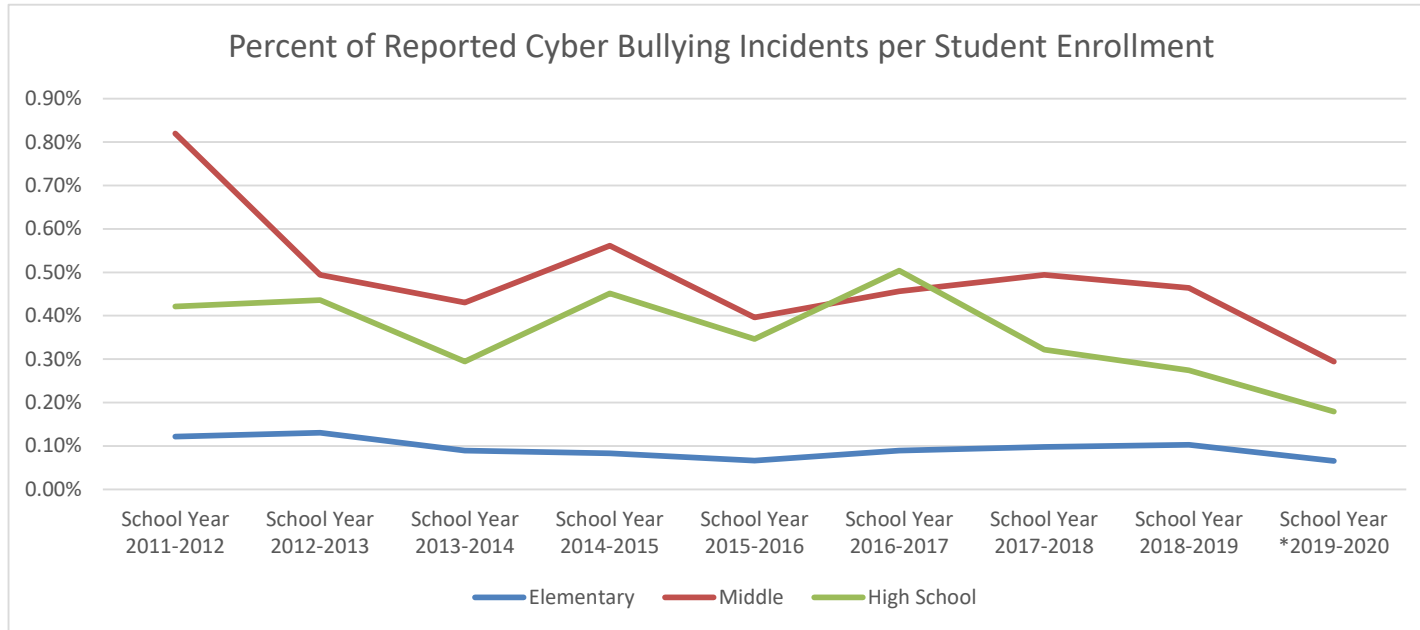
Bullying Report	School Year 2011-2012			School Year 2012-2013			School Year 2013-2014			School Year 2014-2015			School Year 2015-2016			School Year 2016-2017			School Year 2017-2018			School Year 2018-2019			*School Year 2019-2020		
	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School	Elementary (including standalone Preschools)	Middle School	High School
State Enrollment	94,718	35,133	61,494	93,450	34,399	60,113	91,627	34,164	58,733	91,083	33,664	57,358	90,459	33,060	57,435	90,197	32,637	56,554	88,846	32,190	55,865	89,481	32,099	55,785	86,895	32,607	55,205
Number of incidents of bullying reported during the past year (of any kind)	1,540	1,519	1,069	1,247	1,106	781	964	817	677	853	710	667	793	584	632	812	720	701	931	646	553	864	712	576	591	463	396
Number of incidents of cyber bullying reported during the past year	115	288	259	122	170	262	82	147	173	76	189	259	60	131	199	81	149	285	87	159	180	92	149	153	57	96	99
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year (of any kind)	779	816	525	580	579	425	484	440	297	429	431	341	378	297	256	427	354	226	386	289	256	401	373	202	279	226	178
Number of incidents of investigated and actual cyber bullying during the past year	69	154	150	53	83	154	47	72	93	38	98	163	39	53	107	56	75	142	35	81	96	50	86	65	30	49	65
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on gender	48	159	43	47	27	49	11	24	20	54	12	34	22	13	30	22	24	31	15	23	16	13	13	19	15	27	23
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on sexual orientation	35	43	40	34	45	36	19	42	29	12	21	17	12	27	17	18	31	27	14	24	16	12	44	17	14	29	25
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on race, color, or national origin	23	43	24	29	39	28	20	20	38	18	14	22	18	24	10	15	26	20	17	21	22	26	31	14	21	21	19
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on disability	19	21	19	28	20	9	14	18	8	25	14	5	23	17	13	23	23	11	32	13	10	13	15	7	20	13	15
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on physical characteristics	138	125	67	68	97	90	72	53	43	51	54	31	58	56	23	41	68	32	37	62	35	46	64	28	49	49	21
Number of incidents of investigated and actual bullying during the past year that were based on any other basis	568	591	388	476	482	351	409	358	247	366	389	337	303	261	235	364	214	201	310	217	207	344	282	170	198	126	119
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a single significant event	367	457	341	323	267	269	265	182	207	238	324	285	201	167	180	184	169	170	164	159	138	183	149	131	134	95	134
Number of actual bullying incidents that were a pattern of deliberate harmful events	252	218	176	236	152	112	155	131	93	127	93	111	140	92	81	144	106	96	182	88	80	169	116	83	114	101	38
Number of actual bullying incidents that included physical harm to the victim	81	54	38	61	55	14	50	55	16	37	37	14	50	24	18	55	15	7	43	17	8	46	17	10	39	19	8
Number of actual bullying incidents that included harm to the victim's property	19	17	12	9	4	6	11	14	4	10	14	11	8	3	5	9	10	1	9	2	2	1	4	0	2	2	2
Number of actual bullying incidents that used social/emotional alienation or tactics	345	337	200	256	208	200	176	96	113	165	78	96	133	83	108	148	89	110	142	65	70	103	97	63	122	76	43
Number of actual bullying incidents that interfered with the victim's educational opportunities	143	160	169	108	140	145	89	38	109	123	62	121	119	43	51	60	63	120	92	46	52	79	51	46	70	42	33
Number of actual bullying incidents that substantially disrupted the orderly operation of the school	55	52	46	37	52	46	45	11	8	34	19	54	49	32	29	29	28	24	31	29	32	43	34	22	16	24	16

Age Level	Percent of Reported Bullying Incidents per Student Enrollment									
	School Year 2011-2012	School Year 2012-2013	School Year 2013-2014	School Year 2014-2015	School Year 2015-2016	School Year 2016-2017	School Year 2017-2018	School Year 2018-2019	School Year *2019-2020	
Elementary	1.63%	1.33%	1.05%	0.94%	0.88%	0.90%	1.05%	0.97%	0.68%	
Middle	4.32%	3.22%	2.39%	2.11%	1.77%	2.21%	2.01%	2.22%	1.42%	
High School	1.74%	1.30%	1.15%	1.16%	1.10%	1.24%	0.99%	1.03%	0.72%	



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Age Level	Percent of Reported Cyber Bullying Incidents per Student Enrollment									
	School Year 2011-2012	School Year 2012-2013	School Year 2013-2014	School Year 2014-2015	School Year 2015-2016	School Year 2016-2017	School Year 2017-2018	School Year 2018-2019	School Year *2019-2020	
Elementary	0.12%	0.13%	0.09%	0.08%	0.07%	0.09%	0.10%	0.10%	0.07%	
Middle	0.82%	0.49%	0.43%	0.56%	0.40%	0.46%	0.49%	0.46%	0.29%	
High School	0.42%	0.44%	0.29%	0.45%	0.35%	0.50%	0.32%	0.27%	0.18%	



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