What Louisiana High School Students Told Us About Bullying and School Safety

3 in 10 students are bullied at school

9.7% of bullied students are bullied at school
6.7% of bullied students are bullied online
13.7% of bullied students are bullied at school and online

More than a quarter of students do not feel safe at school.

27% of students do not feel safe at school.

In 2008, 7.1% of students missed school because they felt unsafe. In 2017, this increased to 11.5%.

30.7% of students were in a physical fight within the last year
12.4% of students were in a physical fight on school property in the last year
5.7% of students have recently carried a weapon to school

Twice as many female students report electronic bullying when compared to male students.

Students who are bullied participate less in class and receive poorer grades.

Bullying is linked to:
- depression
- anxiety
- poor health
- skipping school
- poor academic achievement

Students at risk for poor academic achievement

31.5% of students who don’t feel safe are more likely to receive Cs, Ds, and Fs than students who feel safe.

Three Ways To Stop Bullying

1. Partner with health professionals to combat bullying.
   >> To learn more, visit https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/bullying-prevention.

2. Implement anti-bullying policies and evidence-based programming.
   >> To learn more, visit www.stopbullying.gov/laws/index.html.

3. Train school staff on bullying prevention.
   >> To learn more, visit https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/training-center/index.html.

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