



Education Supports & Innovative Practices Branch
School Support Services Workgroup

**2013-14
Bullying Reports in Delaware
Public School Districts
And Charters***

As required under [14 Del Code 4112D \(C\) \(4\)](#)

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*2011 -2013 reports can be found at http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/students_family/climate/default.shtml.

Bullying offense report data for the 2008 - 2010 school years can be found at the Delaware Department of Education School Profiles:
<http://profiles.doe.k12.de.us/SchoolProfiles/State/Default.aspx>. Click on the "student" tab and view the "details" link under suspensions/expulsions.

Bullying Reports in Delaware Public School Districts and Charters

Delaware Department of Education School Year: 2013-14

Number of <i>Alleged</i> Bullying Incidents Reported to DOE (2012 - 13 was first year data was collected)	
District/Charter	2013-14
Academy of Dover	2
Appoquinimink	164
Brandywine	63
Caesar Rodney	118
Campus Community	10
Cape Henlopen	39
Capital	58
Charter School of Wilmington	1
Christina	114
Colonial	97
Del Academy Public Safety	0
Delaware College Prep Academy	0
Delaware Military Academy	0
Delmar	0
East Side Charter	0
Family Foundation	4
Gateway Lab	16
Indian River	150
Kuumba	0
La Americas Aspira Academy	0
Lake Forest	30
Laurel	37
Milford	31
MOT	62
Moyer Academy	1
NCC Votech	23
Newark Charter	6
Odyssey Charter	0
POLYTECH	0
Positive Outcomes	11
Prestige Academy	0
Providence Creek	42
Reach Academy	17
Red Clay	453
Seaford	17
Smyrna	47
Sussex Academy	7
Sussex Tech	7
Thomas Edison	0
Woodbridge	15
Total all Districts/Charters	1642

Number of <i>Substantiated</i> Bullying Incidents Reported to DOE	
District/Charter	2013-14
Academy of Dover	2
Appoquinimink	24
Brandywine	79
Caesar Rodney	40
Campus Community	9
Cape Henlopen	13
Capital	25
Charter School of Wilmington	0
Christina	38
Colonial	37
Del Academy Public Safety	0
Delaware College Prep Academy	10
Delaware Military Academy	0
Delmar	6
East Side Charter	7
Family Foundations	5
Gateway Lab	8
Indian River	25
Kuumba	0
La Americas Aspira Academy	0
Lake Forest	12
Laurel	18
Milford	26
MOT	7
Moyer Academy	0
NCC Votech	18
Newark Charter	3
Odyssey Charter	0
POLYTECH	2
Positive Outcomes	2
Prestige Academy	16
Providence Creek	8
Reach Academy	4
Red Clay	132
Seaford	18
Smyrna	18
Sussex Academy	1
Sussex Tech	2
Thomas Edison	7
Woodbridge	10
Total all Districts/Charters	632

Number of Bullying <i>Offenses</i> within Total Number of <i>Substantiated</i> Incidents	
District/Charter	2013-14
Academy of Dover	4
Appoquinimink	28
Brandywine	86
Caesar Rodney	44
Campus Community	13
Cape Henlopen	15
Capital	32
Charter School of Wilmington	0
Christina	44
Colonial	54
Del Academy Public Safety	0
Delaware College Prep Academy	12
Delaware Military Academy	0
Delmar	6
East Side Charter	12
Family Foundations	6
Gateway Lab	8
Indian River	26
Kuumba	0
La Americas Aspira Academy	0
Lake Forest	12
Laurel	22
Milford	33
MOT	7
Moyer Academy	0
NCC Votech	26
Newark Charter	4
Odyssey Charter	0
POLYTECH	2
Positive Outcomes	5
Prestige Academy	26
Providence Creek	8
Reach Academy	4
Red Clay	151
Seaford	18
Smyrna	20
Sussex Academy	1
Sussex Tech	2
Thomas Edison	7
Woodbridge	12
Total all Districts/Charters	750

Disaggregated Offenses data by school can be viewed at the School Profile web pages:

[State of Delaware - School Profiles](#)

Choose the district/charter and then school. Click on the "Student" tab, scroll down to "Suspensions and Expulsions" and click on "Details."

Alleged Bullying is defined as any report of an incident of perceived bullying to school administration regardless of whether or not the school could substantiate the incident as bullying.

Substantiated Bullying is defined as any alleged bullying incident or reported discipline incident in which the school administration investigated and concluded that bullying behaviors were exhibited as defined in 14 Del Code §4112D.

Bullying Offenses represents the total number of offenders involved in substantiated bullying incidents. A bullying incident may involve one or more offenders.

Results of Random Audits

Under 14 Del Code §4112D (d)(4) the Delaware Department of Education shall conduct random audits of schools to ensure compliance with paragraphs (b)(2)i and (b)(2)k of the section . The Department shall report the results of these audits annually. During the 2012-13 school year the following schools were randomly selected to be audited for compliance with the required sections in addition to other audit criteria as determined by the DDOE.

School 1 - Sunnyside E.S.,
Smyrna School District

School 2 - Dunbar E.S., Laurel
School District

School 3 - Dover H.S., Capital
School District

School 4 - Bancroft E.S.,
Christina School District

School 5 - Family Foundations
Acad., Charter

School 6 - REACH Academy,
Charter

School 7 - Bunker Hill E.S.,
Appoquinimink School Dist.

School 8 - Milford H.S., Milford
School District

School 9 - Postlethwait M.S.,
Caesar Rodney School District

School 10 - Woodbridge H.S.,
Woodbridge School District

School 11 - Smith E.S., Christina
School District

AUDIT CRITERIA	PERCENT COMPLIANT
Percentage of schools audited whose district or charter bullying prevention policy included a procedure for a student and parent, guardian, relative caregiver pursuant to § 202(f) of Title 14, or legal guardian to provide information on bullying activity.	90.9%
Percentage of schools audited whose district or charter bullying prevention policy included a requirement that all reported incidents of bullying, regardless of whether the school could substantiate the incident be reported to the Department of Education within 5 working days pursuant to Department of Education regulations.	100%
Percentage of schools audited whose district or charter bullying prevention policy (or separate cyberbullying policy) prohibited cyberbullying by students directed at other students and included the definition of cyberbullying as defined in <u>14 Del. Admin. Code 624</u> .	100%
Percentage of alleged bullying incidents which were reported to the DOE within five working days.	90.7%
Percentage of substantiated bullying incidents which were reported to the DOE within five working days.	80.0%
Percentage of schools audited whose district or charter school bullying prevention policy included a requirement that a parent, guardian or relative caregiver pursuant to § 202(f) of Title 14, or legal guardian of any target of bullying or person who bullies another as defined herein, be notified.	100%
Percentage of parents, guardians, relative caregivers, or legal guardians which were required to be notified regarding a substantiated incident of bullying and the school report indicated that contact was made.	93.8%
Percentage of schools audited in which the School Ombudsman phone number was included on the school's website.	90.9%
Percentage of schools audited who submitted a signed assurance statement that their bullying prevention policy was distributed to all students, parents, faculty, and staff.	100%
Percentage of schools audited who submitted a signed assurance statement that the School Ombudsman phone number was distributed to all students, parents, faculty, and staff and that the phone number was prominently displayed in the school.	100%

Enumerated Reasons for Substantiated Incidents of Bullying

Under 14 Del Code §4112D (b)(2)(f), school district and charter school bullying prevention policies shall include a requirement that each school have a procedure for the administration to promptly investigate in a timely manner and determine whether bullying has occurred, and that such procedure include investigation of such instances, including a determination of whether the target of the bullying was targeted or reports being targeted wholly or in part due to the target's race, age, marital status, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. This subsection does not preclude schools from identifying other reasons or criteria why a person is a target of bullying.

Description	Total
Age	17
Ancestry	2
Creed	1
Dating Violence	3
Disability	13
Gang(s)	4
Gender Identity/Expression	9
Hate Crime	1
Marital Status	2
National Origin	0
Other	114
Peer Attention	296
Physical Appearance	106
Race/Color	24
Religion	4
Sexual-Orientation	9
Socio-Economic Status	24
No Reason	5
Total	634

*Peer Attention and Socio-Economic Status were new descriptors beginning in the 2013-14 school year.

**Two incidents had multiple reasons selected.