



Week of Respect

October 2-6, 2023

N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29 requires that all public school districts designate the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year as Week of Respect in the State of New Jersey. Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities (APSSDs) are encouraged, but not required, to observe this week. This week affords an opportunity for districts and schools to focus instructional efforts and programs geared toward the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) as they work toward creating environments that are welcoming and supportive places for all to learn.

Additionally, New Jersey's Week of Respect coincides with National Bullying Prevention Month which is annually observed in October. This allows school districts to observe the Week of Respect when there is a national spotlight on bullying prevention efforts as we place an emphasis on promoting kindness and inclusion in schools.

Requirements of Week of Respect pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29

- During this week, school districts, in order to recognize the importance of character education, are required to provide age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying as defined in section 2 of P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-14).
- The Week of Respect, observed beginning with the first Monday in October of each year, is in addition to the requirement for school districts to provide ongoing age-appropriate instruction on preventing HIB in accordance with the core curriculum content standards.

Resources

Resources from the New Jersey Department of Education

- [Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying \(HIB\)](#)
- [Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [School Climate and Culture](#)
- [New Jersey School Climate Improvement Survey and Platform \(NJ SCI\)](#)
- [New Jersey Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Resource Guide](#)

Resources from StopBullying.gov

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- Understanding the role of [Bystanders Fact Sheet](#)

Resources from PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center

- [Educators: Classroom Education and Activities](#)
- [National Bullying Prevention Month Information and Resources](#)

Resources from the CDC

- [Becoming an Upstander and #Stopbullying](#)

Special Events for Week of Respect, 2023: ABTF's Public Testimony Hearings

New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Task Force (ABTF) will host two public hearings so families, students, and others may share their experiences regarding the implementation of the [Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act](#) (ABR) in schools. The hearings will take place during New Jersey's observance of the Week of Respect. Details and registration information can be found on the [NJ Department of Education HIB website](#).

Table 1: Resources

Resource	Description	For Educators	For Parents	For Students
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Resources dedicated to child and adolescent psychiatry.	X	X	X
American Counseling Association	Resources dedicated to the social emotional development of children.	X	N/A	N/A
American Psychological Association	Resources dedicated to psychology.	X	N/A	N/A
American School Counselor Association	Additional links to resources.	X	X	X
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	A variety of materials, training, research, and additional resources.	X	N/A	N/A
Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence	Prevention programs for parents and youth on risks associated with guns.	N/A	X	X
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Variety of fact sheets on violence prevention.	X	X	X
Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning	Research and publications on Social Emotional Learning.	X	X	X
Cyberbullying Research Center (CRC)	Up-to-date information about the nature, extent, causes, and consequences of cyberbullying among adolescents.	X	X	X
Keys to Safer Schools	Provides tools, training and materials.	X	X	X
National Association of Elementary School Principals	Additional links to resources.	X	N/A	N/A
National Association of School Psychologists	Resources related to violence prevention for parents and educators.	X	X	N/A
National Association of School Resource Officers	Additional links to resources.	X	N/A	N/A
National Center for School Engagement (NCSE)	NCSE provides training and technical assistance, research and evaluation to school districts, law enforcement agencies and courts, as well as state and federal agencies, on student attendance, attachment and achievement.	X	N/A	N/A
National Crime Prevention Council- Be Safe and Sound in School	Be Safe and Sound is a public education campaign that seeks to raise awareness of school safety and security issues and to provide concrete measures that parents, community members and educators can take to make schools safer and more secure.	X	X	X
National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention	Provides extensive information on youth violence prevention.	X	X	X
National Institute of Mental Health	Contains in-depth links on trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and suicide prevention.	X	X	X
National Parent Teachers Association (PTA)	Provides various resources, activities and additional links for educators, parents and youth.	X	X	X
National School Safety Center (NSSC)	The NSSC provides school communities and their school safety partners with quality information, resources, consultation and training services.	X	N/A	N/A
PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center	Provides information and resources for educators and parents related to bullying prevention and how to observe October's bullying prevention month.	X	X	X
Prevention Institute	Provides information on creating safe environments, violence prevention strategies and programs.	X	N/A	N/A
Sandy Hook Promise	An organization committed to driving and sustaining positive change in protecting children from gun violence in schools.	X	X	X