



Week of Respect

October 7-11, 2024

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 \(HIB\)](#)
- [School Climate and Culture](#)
- [Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [New Jersey School Climate Improvement \(NJ SCI\) Survey and Platform](#)

Resources from StopBullying.gov

- [StopBullying.gov](#)
- [Bystanders are Essential to Bullying Prevention and Intervention 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [CDC Healthy Schools: Bullying](#)

Special Events for October 2024:

To support school districts' efforts to foster safe, supportive learning environments that prevent HIB, the NJDOE is hosting two webinars related to school climate.

Informing School Climate Improvement through NJ SCI

- October 9, 2024, from 12:00-1:30pm
- This 90-minute webinar will provide information to school district staff members who are interested in learning how the [New Jersey School Climate Improvement \(NJ SCI\) Survey and Platform](#), can inform their school climate improvement efforts.
- Register for this webinar through [NJDOE's Calendar of Events webpage](#).

Selecting Evidence-Based Bullying Prevention Interventions based on School Climate Data

- October 28, 2024, from 9:30-11:00am
- This 90-minute webinar will provide information to school district staff members who are interested in learning more about the data points relevant to school climate improvement and strategies for selecting evidence-based HIB-prevention programs and interventions.
- Register for this webinar through [NJDOE's Calendar of Events webpage](#).

Table 1: Resources

Resource	Description	For Educators	For Parents	For Students
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)	Resources dedicated to child and adolescent psychiatry.	X	X	X
American Counseling Association	Resources dedicated to advancing mental health and well-being through advocacy, community, inclusion and research.	X	N/A	N/A
American Psychological Association (APA)	Resources dedicated to the field of psychology.	X	N/A	N/A
American School Counselor Association (ASCA)	Resources dedicated to the field of school counseling.	X	N/A	N/A
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	A variety of materials, training, research, and additional resources.	X	N/A	N/A
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Variety of fact sheets on violence prevention.	X	X	X
Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)	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
National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)	Additional links to resources with a focus on school leadership.	X	N/A	N/A
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)	Resources dedicated to the field of school psychology.	X	N/A	N/A
National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)	Additional links to resources dedicated to school resource officers.	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- Information on Cyberbullying	Provides information and resources on cyberbullying.	X	X	X
National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention	Provides information on how communities can build local capacity to prevent and reduce youth violence.	X	X	X
National Institute of Mental Health	Contains in-depth links on a plethora of topics including anxiety disorders, 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
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
StopBullying.gov	Provides extensive information and resources for bullying intervention and prevention.	X	X	X
Youth.gov	Provides extensive information on youth violence prevention.	X	X	X