

Explanation of HIB Grades

The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required by state law to grade each public school and school district's effort to implement the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (ABR) (*N.J.S.A 18A: 17-46*).

Through the School Safety/School Climate Team (SS/SCT), each school, by using a self-assessment tool, is required to evaluate its implementation of the ABR from July 1 through June 30. The self-assessment tool includes eight core elements that address all of the ABR requirements for schools. The maximum grade a school may receive is 78. A minimum score of 54 is needed in order to meet all necessary requirements. The school district's grade is an average of the total scores of all schools within the school district.