

BULLYING PREVENTION

YRBS 2021 Profiles 2020

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Data from the 2021 YRBS show that among public high school students in Oklahoma



18%
were bullied on school property¹

Females (**22%**) were more likely than males (**15%**) to have been bullied on school property.

16%
were bullied electronically¹

Females (**22%**) were more likely than males (**11%**) to have been bullied electronically.

1. During the 12 months before the survey.

WHAT ARE OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS DOING ABOUT IT?

Data from the 2020 School Health Profiles show that among public schools in Oklahoma

98%
of schools provided professional development on preventing, identifying, and responding to student bullying and sexual harassment in the past year.

96%
of schools have a designated staff member to whom students can confidentially report student bullying and sexual harassment.

95%
of schools communicate their bullying and sexual harassment policies through electronic, paper, or oral communication.

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?²

- Make sure school rules and policies are consistent with state laws and the school district rules and policies.
- Include school staff, parents, and students when developing rules and policies. Giving students a role can help them set their own climate of respect and responsibility. Parental involvement can help reinforce these messages at home.
- Train school staff on enforcing school rules and policies. Give them the tools to respond to bullying consistently and appropriately.

Source:
2. Stopbullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk, and how you can prevent and respond to bullying. Accessed at url: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/at-school>

For more information about the YRBS contact the Maternal and Child Health Service, MCH Assessment at (405) 426-8092 or visit oklahoma.gov/health/yrbs

For more information about the School Health Profiles visit okintheknow.org/new-school-health-profiles/

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