

Bullying

- 43.6% of students reported that **adults at school stop bullying when they see it or are told about it.**
 - This is down from 54.8% in 2015 and 52.5% in 2017.
 - 72.4% of 6th graders, 57.1% of 8th graders, 47.1% of 10th graders, and only 43.6% of 12th graders agree. All of these rates showed at least an eight percentage point drop from 2017.
- 28.6% of 10th graders and 26.3% of 12th graders **reported inappropriate sexual contact when using technology.**
 - 2017: 31.5% 10th and 28.1% 12th
- 25.1% of students reported having **suffered some bullying over the last year**, down from 28.2% in 2017. Highest among 6th graders at 28.3%
- 4.6% of students reported that they **stayed home from school because of fear of being bullied.**
- 14.0% of students reported being **bullied through texting/social media over the past year.**
 - This is down from 16.5% in 2017 and includes 15.0% of 8th graders and 14.9% of 10th graders.



The most common reasons reported for being bullied:

- 39.1% “The Way I Look (clothing, hairstyle, etc.); the highest rate among 8th graders at 42.5%.
- 33.5% “My Size (height/weight)”; the highest rate among 8th graders at 35.8%.
- 32.5% “I don’t know why” including 38.3% of 6th graders.

Means of Bullying	All grades	10 th	12 th
Emotionally abused through insults/name-calling	61.4%	65.7%	66.5%
Abused by being isolated from friends/family by another person	-	17.4%	18.2%

