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School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bills of Rights

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) requires that school districts receive a grade for their efforts to implement the act. As required by the Department of Education, this spring our School Safety Teams completed the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (ABR). The self-assessment includes eight core elements comprised of 26 indicators that address all of the ABR requirements.

The core elements include:

1. HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-17a
2. Training on the BOE-approved HIB Policy – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-17b and c
3. Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs – N.J.S.A. 18A:6-112, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-22d, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-26a
4. Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29
5. HIB Personnel – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20a, N.J.S.A. >18A:37-20c, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21a
6. School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b (5), N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b (6) (a)
7. HIB Investigation Procedure – N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b (5) and (6) (a) and (b)
8. HIB Reporting – N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46

A school can earn a total of 78 points. The Self-Assessment Tool provided by the NJ Department of Education allows for four (4) rating choices within each indicator:

- 0= Does not meet the requirements
- 1= Partially meets the requirements
- 3= Meets all requirements
- 4= Exceeds the requirements