



Northwest Catholic District School Board
Elementary School Climate Survey
Grades 4-8
Shaping Safer Catholic Schools

Bullying/Harassment Survey for Elementary

Bullying occurs when there is unhealthy interaction between people. It is a form of repeated aggression used from a position of power. It can be physical, verbal, social or cyber (*Shaping Safer Schools, Ministry of Education 2006*). It could involve one or more bullies at a time. This survey measures a snapshot in time at your school during the academic school year.

There are four main kinds of bullying. Some examples are as follows:

- Physical bullying *when someone hits, shoves, kicks, spits or beats up another person
 *when someone damages or steals a student's property
- Verbal bullying *name-calling, mocking, hurtful teasing, swearing
 *humiliating or threatening someone
 *making people do things they don't want to do
 *making disturbing phone calls
- Social Bullying *excluding others from the group
 *spreading gossip or rumours about others
 *making others look foolish
 *making sure others do not spend time with a certain student
- Cyber-bullying *using the computer, email, cellular phone text or other technological devices to:
 *hurt someone's feelings
 *make someone look bad
 *threaten someone.

Students are asked to answer the questions as honestly as possible.

- 1) What grade are you in?
 4 5 6 7 8
- 2) What is your gender?
 Male Female
- 3) How safe do you feel at school most of the time?

(Safe means feeling comfortable, relaxed and not worried that something bad could happen to you or that someone will bully you at school.)

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

4) How often do you feel safe in these areas of the school?

Please select an answer for each area.

A. the classroom

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

B. the playground

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

C. the washroom

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

D. the hallways

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

E. the change room

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

F. the school bus

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

G. walking to/ from the school

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

H. using the school computers

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

5) How often are you bullied on the bus by the following things:

a) pushing/butting

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

b) swearing

Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

- c) people taking your things
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- d) gossiping/whispering.
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 6) How often do other students physically hurt you?
(see definition)
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 7) How often do other students say mean things that hurt your feelings?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 8) How often do other students make you feel that you don't belong?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 9) Has anyone ever bullied you while you are using the internet through the following means:
- a) Swearing
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- b) Blogging
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- c) camera phones
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- d) websites
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- e) MSN.
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 8) How often do you spend recess alone because no one wants to hang around with you?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week
- 9) Have you ever bullied a student at school?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

10) Have you ever bullied a teacher at school?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

11) Have you ever been bullied by someone other than a student at school?
 Yes No

If so, by whom:?

- teacher
- principal
- vice principal
- educational aide
- bus driver
- other.

12) How often do you see other students bullied at school?
 Never in 4 weeks Once or twice a week Every week Many times a week

13) When it comes to bullying, the teachers and other adults at my school are:
 Often helpful Sometimes helpful Never helpful

14) How much of a problem do you think bullying is in your school?
 Huge problem Somewhat of a problem Big problem Not a problem