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TOPIC

School safety and security/ bullying

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

School safety, security, and bullying affect many students at ACPS and in Alexandria. Students who get bullied or do not feel safe at school can become stressed, distracted, and less confident. This can hurt their grades, attendance, and mental health. Some students may even avoid school because they feel unsafe. This issue matters because every student deserves to learn in a safe and respectful environment.

BASELINE DATA & GOAL

THE goal is to reduce the bullying and make acps welcome and safe for those who go through bullying
According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 1 in 5 students report being bullied at school. This shows bullying is still a major problem for students.

Goal: Reduce bullying reports at Acps by 25% during the school year and improve student safety awareness.

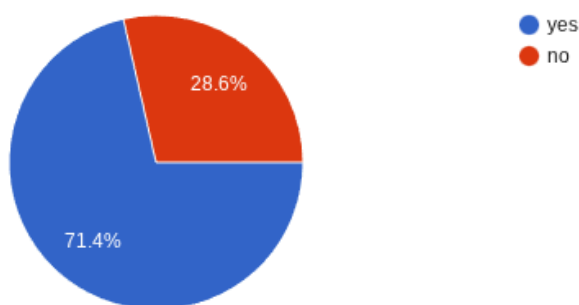
CYCP GOAL & STRATEGIC AREA

This issue connects to the CYCP goal of creating safe and supportive environments for children and teens. School safety and bullying fit this goal because students need to feel protected, respected, and supported in order to succeed in school and in life.

WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?

Do you feel safe at school?

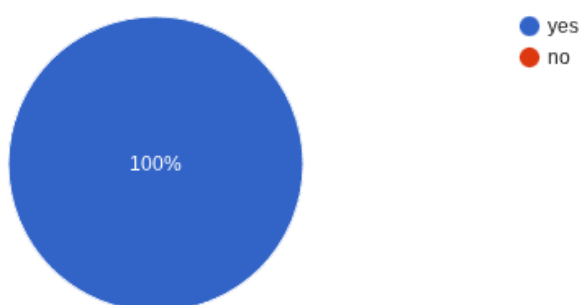
7 responses



This data shows if students feel safe at school 28.6% said no. this is important because it shows they people actually dont feel safe coming to school.

Have you ever witnessed bullying at school?

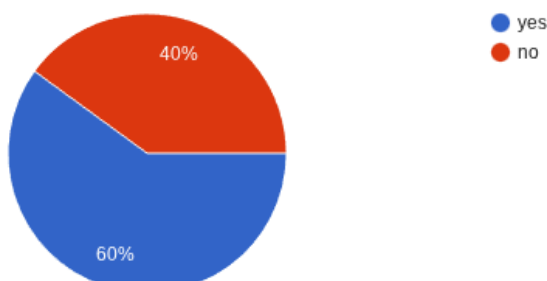
5 responses



this data shows if students witnessed bullying and 100% said yes this is impotent because students see bullying and do nothing

Do you believe your school has effective safety rules and policies?

5 responses



This data shows if the school has effective safety rules and 40% said no this is important because the rules are not enforced

they tried adding more security but it hasn't been working for the people that are getting bullied it has made the school safer

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRIED?

ACPS has security guards, cameras, ID checks, anti-bullying rules, counselors, and school safety drills. Teachers and staff also monitor hallways and respond to bullying reports.

WHO CAN HELP?

School administrates
security supervisor Delvon
butler



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Quantity: ACPS has added more security, safety drills, counseling support, and bullying reporting systems.

Quality: These actions help some students feel safer, but bullying and safety concerns still happen in schools.

IS IT ACTUALLY HELPING?

Some students feel safer because of security and support programs, but others still experience bullying. More student involvement, faster responses, and stronger prevention programs could improve safety even more.

WHAT SHOULD CHANGE? (YOUR SOLUTION)

ACPS should create stronger anti-bullying programs, increase adult supervision in hallways, and make it easier for students to report bullying safely. Based on survey responses, many students said they want quicker responses to bullying and more support from staff. Schools could also hold more assemblies and lessons about respect, mental health, and conflict resolution.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

If these changes are used, students may feel safer and more comfortable at school. Bullying incidents could decrease, and students may focus better in class. Students, teachers, and families would all benefit from a safer and more positive school environment.

CITATIONS

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[_StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov)
[_ACPS Official Website](https://www.acps.edu)

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- 1.[_StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov) — Gives information about bullying prevention and how schools can respond.
- 2.[_ACPS Official Website](https://www.acps.edu) — Provides information about school safety policies, student support, and programs in ACPS.