



Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

School: Berlin Community School (020)
District: BERLIN BORO (0330)
County: CAMDEN (07)

New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

By submitting the *School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the ABR* (Self Assessment), the chief school administrator (CSA) assures that:

1. The school safety team (SST) had the lead role in completing the Self-Assessment.
2. The public was given the opportunity to comment on the Self-Assessment prior to district board of education (BOE) approval.
3. The BOE approved the Self-Assessment at a public meeting, prior to submission to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).
4. All information in the Self-Assessment is an accurate and complete account of the status of the school's efforts implementing the ABR at the time of submission, the SST's report, the public comment on the report, and the district BOE's review of and decision on the report.
5. The NJDOE or its authorized representatives will be provided with access to, and the right to examine, all records, books, papers, or documents related to the Self-Assessment.
6. The grade assigned by the Commissioner for the school and for the school district will be posted on the home page of the *school's* website within 10 days of its receipt from the NJDOE.
7. The grade assigned by the Commissioner for the school district and each school in the district will be posted on the home page of the *school district's* website within 10 days of its receipt from the NJDOE.
8. The BOE at a public meeting will review the grades assigned by the Commissioner for each school and the school district.

Enter BOE approval date (MM/DD/YY)

By checking this box, the chief school administrator hereby certifies that he/she has read, understands and will satisfy the above Assurances in their entirety, and authorizes submission of the *School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the ABR*.

This Statement of Assurances was submitted on: 07/15/2013

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New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the <i>Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act</i>	
District Name: BERLIN BORO	
School Name: Berlin Community School	
Core Element #1: HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-17a)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
A. The school annually establishes HIB programs, approaches and initiatives.	3
B. The school annually implements and documents HIB programs, approaches or other initiatives.	3
C. The school annually assesses HIB programs, approaches or other initiatives.	3
D. The school's HIB programs, approaches or other initiatives are designed to create school-wide conditions to prevent and address HIB.	3
E. The school safety team (SST) has identified patterns of HIB and reviewed school climate and school policies for the prevention of HIB.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 15)	15
Core Element #2: Training on the BOE- approved HIB Policy (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-17b and c)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
A. School employees, contracted service providers and volunteers are provided training on the HIB policy.	2
B. The HIB policy training includes instruction on preventing HIB on the basis of protected categories enumerated in the ABR and other distinguishing characteristics that may incite incidents of discrimination or HIB.	3
C. The HIB policy was discussed with students, in accordance with the district's process for these discussions.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 9)	8

Core Element #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, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21d, N.J.S.A. 18A:26-8.2)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
A. Each teaching staff member completed at least 2 hours of instruction in suicide prevention that included information on HIB, in each five-year professional development period.	2
B. Each teaching staff member completed at least 2 hours of instruction on HIB prevention, in each five-year professional development period.	2
C. The school anti-bullying specialist (ABS) was given time during the usual school schedule to participate in in-service training in preparation to act as the ABS.	3
D. The members of the school safety team (SST) were provided with professional development in effective practices of successful school climate programs or approaches.	2
E. School leaders* have received information on the prevention of harassment, intimidation and bullying as part of their training on issues of school ethics, school law and school governance. *”School leaders” are school district staff members who hold positions that require the possession of a chief school administrator, principal or supervisor endorsement.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 15)	12
Core Element #4: Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
A. The school provided ongoing, age-appropriate instruction on preventing HIB in accordance with the Core Curriculum Content Standards.	3
B. The school observed the “Week of Respect,” during the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year, recognizing the importance of character education by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on HIB prevention.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 6)	6
Core Element #5: HIB Personnel (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20a, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20c, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21a)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>

A. The principal appointed a school anti-bullying specialist (ABS).	3
B. The ABS met at least two times per school year with the district anti-bullying coordinator (ABC). Enter the total number of meetings: 20.	3
C. The school safety team (SST) met at least two times per school year. Enter the total number of all SST meetings: 2.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 9)	9
Core Element #6: School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5), N.J.S.A. 18A: 37-15b(6)(a))	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
A. The school implemented the district's procedure for reporting HIB that includes all required elements.	3
B. The school implemented the district's procedure for reporting new information on a prior HIB report.	2
SUB-TOTAL (possible 6)	5
Core Element #7: HIB Investigation Procedure (N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5) and (6)(a) and (b))	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>
The school followed the BOE-approved policy on HIB investigation procedures, which provides for:	
A. Notification to parents of alleged offenders and alleged victims in each reported HIB incident.	3
B. Completion of the investigation within 10 school days of the written incident report.	3
C. Preparation of a written report on the findings of each HIB investigation.	3
D. Results of the investigation reported to the chief school administrator (CSA) within 2 school days of completion of the investigation.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 12)	12
Core Element #8: HIB Reporting (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46)	
<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Score (0-3)</i>

A. The school has a procedure for ensuring that staff member reports (i.e., verbal and written) include the required information for all incidents of violence, vandalism and HIB.	3
SUB-TOTAL (possible 3)	3
TOTAL SCORE (possible 75)	70