



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: May 7, 2025  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Anti-Bullying Specialists, Anti-Bullying Coordinators  
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services  
Deadline: May 21, 2025

## **School District and School HIB Grade Reports as Required by the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act***

The official school and district harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) grade reports, as required under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (*P.L.* 2020, c. 122), are now available for public release.

### **Key Steps/Actions**

1. School districts must access their official 2023-2024 HIB Grade Reports through the HIB Grades application on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Homeroom webpage](#). Directions for accessing the reports can be found in the Guidance document on the [Commissioner's Program for Determining Grades website](#).
2. Districts and schools are required to post the official reports on their websites by **May 21, 2025**.
3. District officials must review the district and school grades at a public board of education meeting. Please note that this review may be done after posting the official reports.

The Commissioner's Program for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* should be part of an integrated process to strengthen school climate and culture through prevention and intervention that addresses harassment, intimidation, and bullying. District and school staff are encouraged to use the data to educate staff and the community about current school practices and engage them in identifying and addressing areas for improvement.

See the [Commissioner's Program for Determining Grades website](#) for information on:

- Accessing and interpreting the grades;
- Board of Education public meeting requirements; and
- School and district website posting requirements.

For questions regarding the posting of the Official HIB Grade Report, contact *either* your [County Office of Education](#) or email [HIBGrades@doe.nj.gov](mailto:HIBGrades@doe.nj.gov).

The Department plans to open the HIB Grades platform via the [Homeroom webpage](#) in the beginning of June to allow for school districts to begin entering data for the Self-Assessment to Determine HIB Grades for the 2024-2025 school year. As soon as the HIB Grades platform is open for data collection, a broadcast memo will be released to inform school districts.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
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