

New Jersey Department of Education
School Self –Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill
of Rights
District and School Grade Report

The Rockaway Borough Schools and District's HIB Grades for the 2013-14 school year from the New Jersey Department of Education were released December 16, 2014. Grades indicate that the district exceeds or meets the requirements of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Laws with this year's scores improving in almost all categories. The items below detail our progress and plans over the past three years.

- Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, Rockaway Borough has conscientiously implemented the requirements found in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act by assigning personnel, implementing policy and procedures and notification of parents.
- During the first three years of implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, we have addressed and improved harassment, intimidation and bullying as well as school climate and culture through more relevant staff trainings, by providing varied resources and feedback to parents, the appointment of personnel, and setting up more streamlined reporting and investigative procedures.
- While completing the Self-Assessment, we learned that our school district has demonstrated strength in the following areas: program initiatives that span the district, staff training, interaction between members of the joint School Safety teams, and frequent collaboration between key HIB personnel.
- The Self-Assessment helped our school district to identify areas of improvement in regards to the investigative and reporting process as well as to the analysis of individual school data to drive programming and reduce incidences of HIB.
- During the upcoming year, our school will be working towards and seeking your involvement and support in improving and sustaining proactive approaches such as our School Wide Positive Behavior Program, RAMS, as well as aligning district programming and curriculum across the grades.