

SCHOOL GRADE UNDER THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (SCHOOL YEARS 2016 – 2017)

Continuing with the September 2016-2017 school year, Hope Academy has conscientiously implemented the requirements found in the Anti-Bully Bill of Rights Act (ABR) by:

- Keeping the School Anti-Bullying Specialist (ABS) in tune with HIB with continued training opportunities.
- Continuing to turnkey HIB knowledge back to students, staff, administration and families
- Refining the SS/SCT (School Safety/School Climate Team) to monitor, analyze and address issues of HIB
- Assuring training in HIB is continuous for new staff and students as well as keeping returning staff and students knowledgeable regarding HIB.
- Reinforcing the home/school connection regarding discussions of HIB – what it is and how to prevent it.

Following are Hope Academy's Report Card Grades as required by the NJ DOE:

Core Element #1: HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives: 15 of 15 points.

Core Element #2: Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy: 9 of 9 points.

Core Element #3: Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs: 13 of 15 points.

Core Element #4: Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills: 6 of 6 points

Core Element #5: HIB Personnel: 9 of 9 points.

Core Element #6: School Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure: 6 of 6 points.

Core Element #7: HIB Investigative Procedure: 12 of 12 points.

Core Element #8: HIB Reporting: 6 of 6 points.

SCHOOL GRADE: 76 of 78 points

During the 2016 – 2017 implementation of the ABR, Hope Academy has again made progress in addressing issues of harassment, intimidation and bullying and improving school climate and culture by continuing to focus on maintaining positive reward programs within our school while adding new student support programming. Our School Grade has improved continually over the years from our first score during the 2011 – 2013 school years of 59 out of a possible 75 points; to this year's score of 76 out of 78 possible points.

During the upcoming school year, Hope Academy will continue to strive toward improving our school climate through parent, student and staff participation in school climate surveys, participation in HIB monitoring groups and increased participation/recruitment in Parent's Academy. As our school continues to grow we continue to learn and look forward to fully indoctrinating our new staff and families. This past year the newly established T.H.I.N.K. room proved to be a great success along with our new School Counselor. This year's scores and level of HIB are the best we have had since compiling data and tracking since 2011.

Our goal remains the same – *“Together the staff, stake holders and families of Hope Academy Charter School will succeed in making our school one that is free of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying and is a beacon of peace for the children of Asbury Park!”*