

# Bullying Prevention

## Budget Language

\$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for school bullying and harassment prevention activities.

## Proviso Purpose

The intent of the funding is for school bullying and harassment (HIB) prevention activities.

## Services Provided

The funding was used to support OSPI staffing to accomplish the following duties:

OSPI is required by RCW 28A.600.477 to collect from school districts a brief summary of their policies, procedures, programs, partnerships, vendors, and instructional and training materials prohibiting HIB and post these summaries on The School Safety Center website. OSPI currently has these summaries published on The School Safety Center’s HIB webpage.

Technical assistance and training for HIB Compliance Officers continued. Compliance Officers can now take the required training online, which has increased access and participation. OSPI staff continues to work with WSSDA and the OSPI Equity Office around implementation of the updated model policy and procedures, and address new, additional training requirements and components. HIB Compliance Officers had the option to meet for monthly “office hours” with OSPI staff. HB 1207 (2023) required OSPI to create language that districts will be required to include in their handbooks and on their websites to provide explanation of the process and how to report HIB. The OSPI website has been updated to provide guidance and support around HIB to both districts and families seeking information and resources.

## Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

N/A

## Beneficiaries in the 2024-25 School Year

Number of School Districts:	295
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	N/A
Number of Educators:	N/A



## Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.

## State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2025	\$50,000	\$34,896
2024	\$50,000	\$44,771
2023	\$50,000	\$33,566
2022	\$50,000	\$49,786
2021	\$50,000	\$48,999

## Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2025	295 LEAs
2024	295 LEAs
2023	295 LEAs
2022	295 LEAs
2021	295 LEAs

## Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

The state has provided increased compliance training opportunities for districts. Compliance Officers can now take the required training online, which has increased access and participation. OPSI publishes HIB Compliance Officers on its website for quicker access for families seeking support.

## Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Collaboration between the OSPI School Safety Center and the ESD Regional School Safety Centers is ongoing and continues to expand in reach and coordination. The partnership is highly beneficial to schools and school districts who access the ESDs for technical assistance and training related to safety and well-being. Districts continue to report that increased funding for support, curriculum, and resources for HIB prevention would be beneficial.

## Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

There continues to be a strong need for building-level training and technical assistance, as harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) remain persistent challenges for schools. Many districts continue to struggle with prevention efforts, consistent implementation of policies, and the development of sustainable interventions that address underlying behaviors and support positive school climate.

## Future Opportunities

There continues to be opportunities to be innovative in how districts are trained to identify intersections in school safety. Targeted training and hands-on technical assistance can help staff build the skills, confidence, and consistency needed to effectively respond to incidents, engage families, and promote safe, inclusive learning environments.

## Other Relevant Information

N/A

## Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2025 Fiscal Year.](#)

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