



Bullying is **never** a laughing matter, nor is it just “boys being boys” or “you know girls and drama.” Noblesville Schools reported ZERO bullying incidents at the High School for the 2017-2018 school year in their mandatory report to the Department of Education. I have talked to multiple parents who would beg to differ, who have tried to go through proper channels to address genuine bullying concerns, only to have their concerns fall upon the deaf ears of administrators; leading some to enroll their children in a private school or opting to home school. We **need** to go beyond “lip service,” simply talking about bullying and putting up anti-bullying posters, to actually putting “teeth” in bullying policies, and empowering teachers, staff, and administrators to enforce those policies. The following constitutes the entirety of Noblesville Schools reported bullying to the DOE during the 2017-2018 school year.

- 1 incident of physical bullying at Promise Road Elementary. Zero incidents at all other schools
- 3 incidents reported of verbal bullying at East middle school. Zero reported for all other schools.
- 1 reported incident of social bullying at West. ZERO reported at all other schools.
- 3 incidents of electronic bullying at Hinkle Creek and 1 reported at Noblesville Crossing. Zero reported for all other schools including the middle schools and the high school.
- ZERO reported incidents of combination types of bullying at all 10 schools.
- ZERO bullying incidents of ANY KIND reported at the High School.

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