

Bully Reporting

The Law

Ohio law requires school policies to use the definition of bullying found in [R.C. 3313.666](#) which defines “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” as:

Any intentional written, verbal, electronic (Internet, cell phone, or wireless handheld device), or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: causes mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student..

In accordance with the law of the State of Ohio, it is reported that the administrators of Holgate Local Schools dealt with the following number of incidences of bullying.

2016-2017

	First Semester	Second Semester
Elementary:	4	4
Jr. High/HS:	2	1

2015-2016

	First Semester	Second Semester
Elementary:	4	8
Jr. High/HS:	3	4

2014-2015

	First Semester	Second Semester
Elementary:	2	5
Jr. High/HS:	3	3

2013-2014

	First Semester	Second Semester
Elementary:	4	5
Jr. High/HS:	3	4



In Our District

Building Principals and the Superintendent have the responsibility for conducting investigations concerning claims of aggressive behavior and/or bullying. Teachers and other school staff, who witness acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as defined above, shall promptly notify the building Principal and/or his/her designee of the event observed, and shall promptly file a written incident report concerning the events witnessed.

Any student or third party who has knowledge of or feels he/she has been a victim of aggressive behavior and/or bullying is encouraged to immediately report his/her concerns. Click [here](#) for the anonymous reporting form. This form can be filled out and emailed to a Principal or be brought into school. This form can also be found in the elementary office, outside the elementary nurse’s station, the high school office and the guidance office. All complaints will be promptly investigated.

More information can be found under the Board of Education link. Click [here](#) to go directly to Board Policy 5517.01 on Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior.