



SB 115: SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

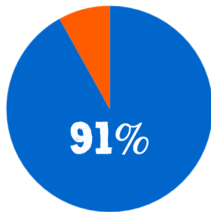
Sponsor: Sen. Bill Soules

The Safe Schools for All Students Act repeals and replaces New Mexico's current bullying prevention statute.

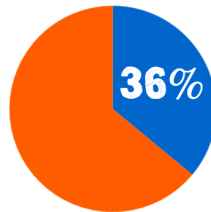
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Brings the state's bullying prevention statute into compliance with Federal and State laws, including Title IX, IDEA, and the New Mexico Human Rights Act.

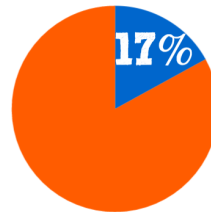
Based on a 2014 survey of 127 school districts and charter schools:



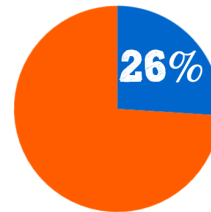
Policies do not comply with Title IX



Policies do not comply with federal reporting timelines



Policies do not comply with NM statute

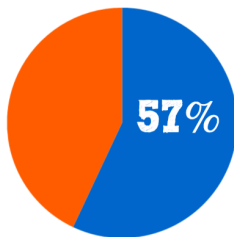


Do not have a policy

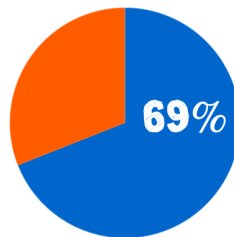
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Provides comprehensive guidance for model policy development and implementation.

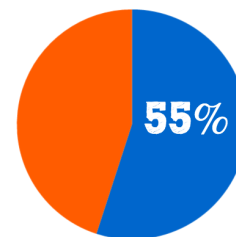
Based on a 2016 survey of 150 New Mexico educators:



Bullying Prevention programs are weak or very weak



Training programs for educators are weak or very weak



Intervention & response procedures are weak or very weak

"No proactive measures for training or implementation of policies or procedures are present at my school." - New Mexico Educator

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Phases in centralized reporting and monitoring procedures, consistent with best practices.

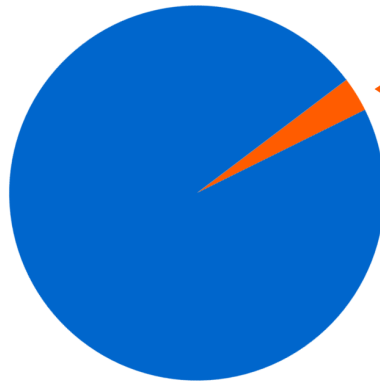
Based on the 2013 NM Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey and NM Public Education Department public records:

"A policy is worthless if adults don't take reports and don't listen when children genuinely ask them for help."

- New Mexico Educator

50,000

Bullying incidences go unreported each school year



Percent of bullying incidences (3%) accounted for by PED in a given school year

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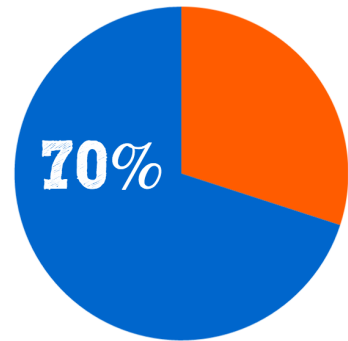
Defines "progressive discipline" in a restorative frame to address behavior, rather than zero-tolerance policies that don't change behavior and lead to drop-out.

Based on NM Public Education Department public records and 2016 NM Educator survey:

Suspending or expelling students ranks second highest among bullying interventions in New Mexico schools, with 45% of educators reporting it as common practice.

"[It is common practice to] blame the victim, tell them to fight back, or move them to a different school."

- New Mexico Educator



Percent of students involved in bullying and/or harassment incidents who are suspended and/or expelled

10,400

The number of New Mexico students who miss school each month due to threats to their safety.

2013 New Mexico Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey

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