## Branchburg Township School District Student Safety Data System End of Year Report January 2018 – June 2018

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## Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)

**<u>Definition</u>** "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents, that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic, that takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function [or], on a school bus, or off school grounds that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other students

## School Safety Data Report

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Category	Alleged HIB	Confirmed HIB	Staff Training	Student Programs
Whiton	0	0	2	3
Stony Brook	2	0	1	3
BCMS	7	2	1	3
TOTAL	9	2	4	9

## Actions Taken by Reporting Category (Confirmed HIB)

Category	Whiton Elementary	Stony Brook Elementary	Branchburg Central Middle School	Total
Expulsion or Alternative Program	0	0	0	0
In-School Suspension	0	0	3	3
Out-of-School Suspension	0	0	0	0
Detention	0	2	1	3

Actions may be reported in more than one category

Although not a reporting category for the SSDS, Branchburg Central Middle School instituted a practice of restorative justice in some instances of alleged HIB. The focus on building relationships and repairing harm, rather than simply punishing students for misbehavior, helps support a more positive climate. Instead of a cycle of "do-wrong-get punished-no lesson learned", the staff at BCMS is looking to build a cycle of "do-wrongmake-it-right-learn-a-life-lesson".



The Mission of the Branchburg Township School District and Community is to inspire our children to **learn**, **think**, **grow and excel in life**.