

Preventing Violence

Violence in Schools

This is Osseo-Fairchild. We are a small town. Why do we have to learn about violence. We don't have gangs, school shootings, or metal detectors. Is violence even a problem at our school?

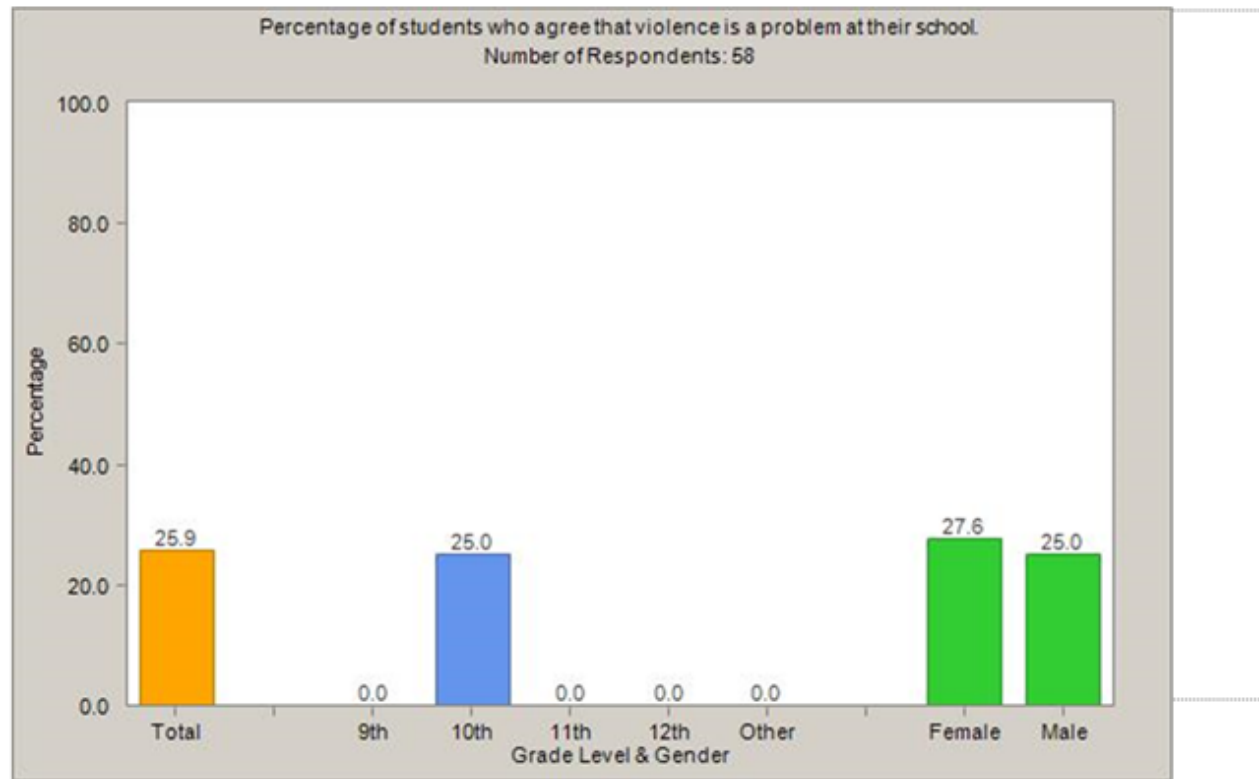
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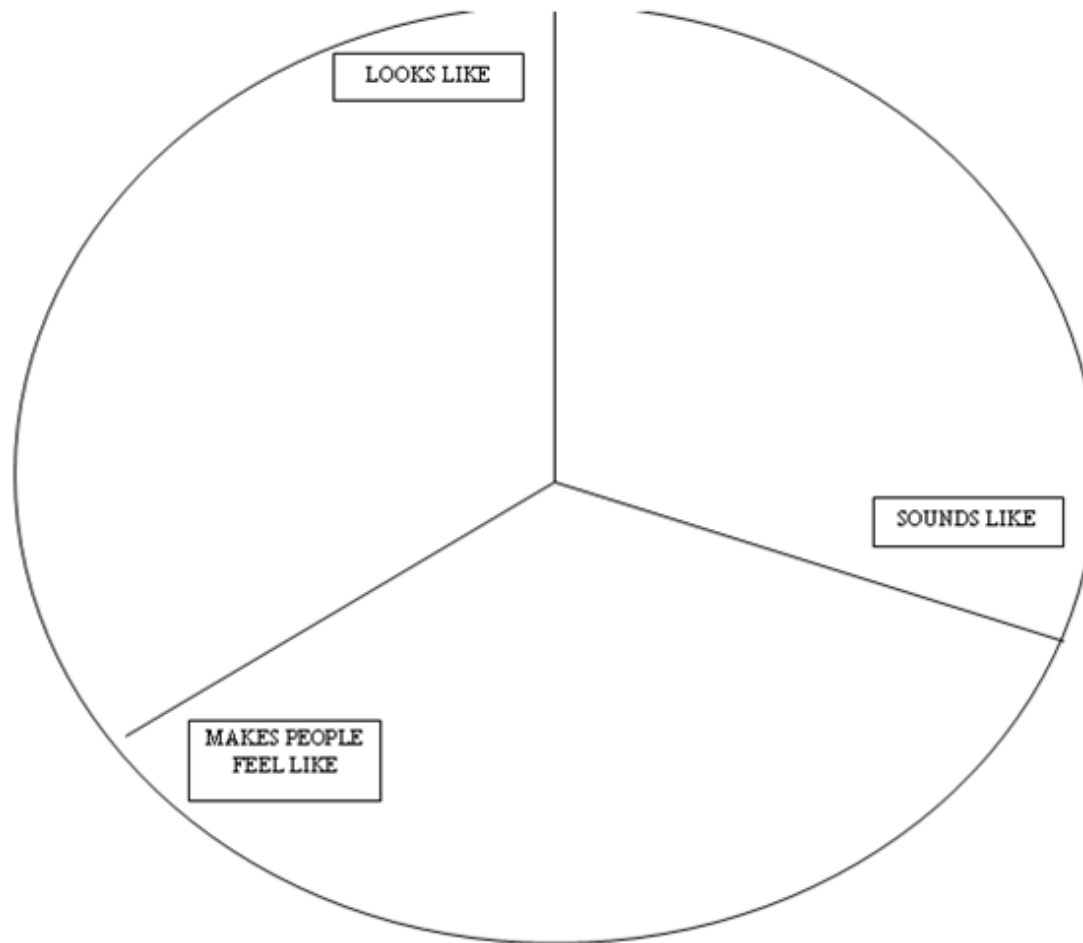
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Violence at Osseo-Fairchild Schools

- ★ ★ Harrassment - unwanted remarks or actions that cause a person emotional or physical harm



- ★ ★ Bullying - the use of threats or physical force to intimidate and control another person

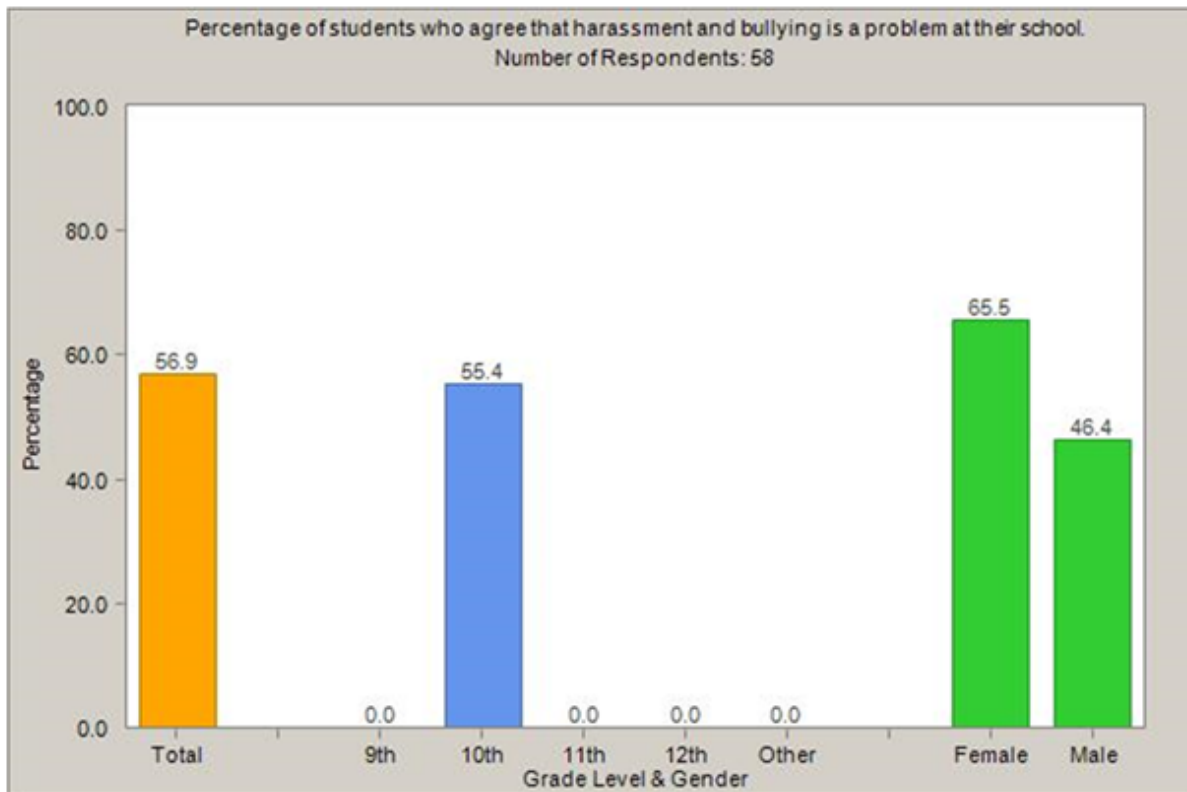
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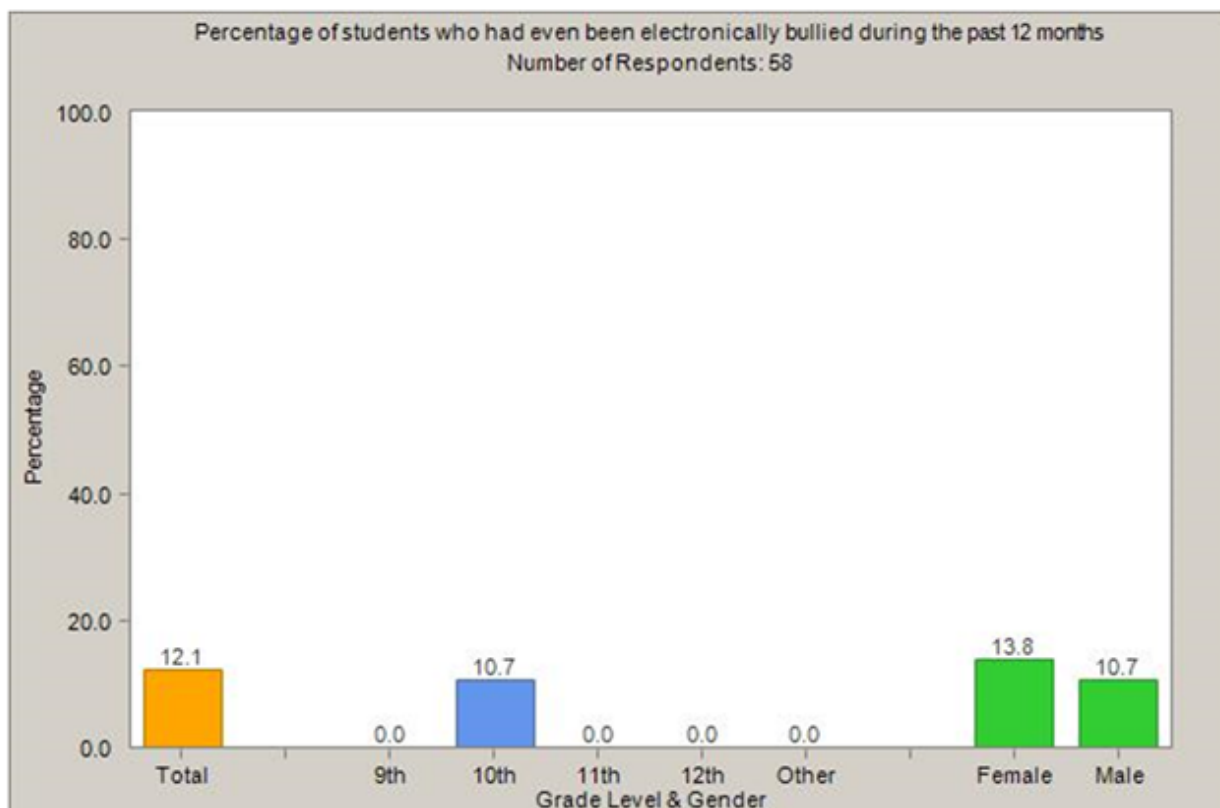


- ★ ★ Cyber Bullying - Bullying that takes place by e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging or at web sites



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Ways to stop bullying...

1. If you see it happening with middle school students, say something.
3. Don't make jokes at other's expense or single out a person for exclusion
4. Speak up! Silence is seen as approval.
5. Don't believe rumors and don't spread rumors.
6. Reach out to students who seem isolated.

- ★ ★ Sexual Harassment - Any uninvited and unwelcome sexual remark or sexual advance



What you can do...

1. Speak up assertively when you feel disrespected.
2. Use your refusal skills to reject unwanted sexual advances.
3. Avoid having to be alone with someone you don't trust.
4. Report behavior that you think is sexual harassment to an adult.

★ ★ Hazing - requiring someone to do degrading, risky, or illegal acts in order to join a group

1. Hazing of boys - physical abuse, required to steal, destroy property

2. Hazing of girls - emotional abuse, put-downs or demeaning acts in public

3. Zero Tolerance Policy / Bullying / Hazing

★ ★ Hate Violence - speech or behavior that is aimed at a person or group based on personal characteristics

★ ★ Vandalism - intentionally damaging another person's property

Behaviors involved in hate violence / crime range from gestures to physical attacks. Hate speech may be spoken or written. A person might be targeted because of race, ethnicity, gender or religion.

- ★ ★ Prejudice - negative feelings about a group based on stereotypes.
- ★ ★ Stereotypes - exaggerated belief or overgeneralization about an entire group of people.
- ★ ★ Intolerance - lack of acceptance of another person's opinions, beliefs, or actions. (Reducing Intolerance: The MOST effective way to deal with violence based on hate is through EDUCATION)
- ★ ★ Discrimination - unfair treatment of a person or group based on prejudice.

