

**PARCS SURVEY FINDINGS- Fall 2008**  
**JLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**864 students participated**  
**80 filtered out**  
**784 student responses reflected in data below**

**BEHAVIORS**

Middle School students were asked to participate in a confidential and anonymous survey inquiring about their experiences and attitudes regarding bullying.

The following tables show percentages of students who have been bullied, never bullied or taken part in bullying others at least once in the previous 12 months, in any of the four ways: physically, verbally, socially or electronically.

Students who have been bullied at least once in the past 12 months	Fall 2008
physically	31%
verbally	59.2%
socially	44.8%
electronically	13%

Students who have never bullied anyone in the past 12 months	Fall 2008
physically	86.3%
verbally	68.2%
socially	70.2%
electronically	92.9%

Students who have taken part in bullying another student in the past 12 months	Fall 2008
physically	13.7%
verbally	31.8%
socially	29.8%
electronically	7.1%

The number of students who report having seen or heard students bully other students is notably greater than the number that report having been bullies or been bullied themselves.

The percentage of students who report having witnessed others being bullied in the past 12 months is presented in the chart below.

Students who have seen or heard others being bullied in the past 12 months	Fall 2008
physically	52.6%
verbally	63.1%
socially	66.6%
electronically	31.1%

Accurately perceiving being bullied:

	Never been bullied personally	Perception of most others never being bullied	misperception
physically	69%	21.9%	47.1%
verbally	40.8%	7.3%	33.5%
socially	55.2%	11.7%	43.5%
electronically	87%	26.5%	60.5%

A small percentage of students reported having bullied others or having been bullied once a week or more in the past 12 months. While the number of students impacted is low, these students represent populations of high concern.

**Once a week or more,** these students have:

Been bullied physically	2%	15 students
Been bullied verbally	7.8%	59 students
Been bullied socially	4.5%	34 students
Been bullied electronically	.5%	4 students
Bullied others physically	.9%	7 students
Bullied others verbally	1.6%	12 students
Bullied others socially	1.1%	8 students
Bullied others electronically	.5%	4 students

## ATTITUDES

Most JLS Middle School students do not think that bullying is normal behavior:

**57.4%** of JLS students do not agree (strongly disagree or disagree) that being *bullied* is just a normal part of being a kid. **18.2%** believe (strongly agree and agree) that it is okay.

**65.4%** of JLS students do not agree (strongly disagree or disagree) that being *a bully* is just a normal part of being a kid. **12.8%** believe (strongly

agree or agree) that it is okay to be a bully.

Only **10%** of JLS students agree (strongly agree or agree) that many students get bullied because they deserve it.

Students report the following about their safety at school:

	1 (very unsafe)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (very safe)
Physically (%)	2.3	1.5	0.8	2.0	5.7	2.9	8.1	14.1	27.9	34.8
Physically (#)	17	11	6	15	43	22	61	106	210	262
Emotionally (%)	4.9	1.2	4.7	5.2	7.9	5.3	11.2	15.3	22.5	21.6
Emotionally (#)	36	9	34	38	58	39	82	112	164	158
757 students answered this question										

### THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

**38** students skipped school in the past 12 months because they were afraid of other students hurting them or making fun of them.

**76.1%** of JLS students report that in their group of friends, bullying is not okay.

**75.3%** of JLS students agree or strongly agree that they are “encouraged to help and respect other students.”

**60.5%** of JLS students agree that “adults at this school are very helpful if you have a problem with other kids.”

**40%** of students agree that if they are bullied, it is up to them to deal with it.

**60.9%** of students reported that they feel like they matter in this school

**67.4%** report that at JLS Middle School, they feel that they are a success.

**38.4%** of JLS students report that they feel very different from other students at school

**15.8%** agree that it is “hard for people like me to be accepted in this school.”

**75.2%** of JLS Middle School students did something kind for someone at school this week

**69.4%** saw another student do something kind for someone at school this week.

**74%** of students "feel that their teachers care about them."

**71.9%** of students "feel that other students care about them."

**80.2%** of students reported that "teachers really try to stop kids who are bullies."

*66.8% of JLS students believe they have seen bullying take place at school in the past 12 months. Of those 66.8%, 57.3% have tried to stand up for or help another student who was being bullied at school. (At JLS only 70 kids who reported witnessing bullying did nothing to help the victim.)*