



## Lunchtime Bullying Statistics

1. Every day, 160,000 kids skip school for fear of being bullied and more than 280,000 students are physically attacked in schools.
2. 23.4 percent of middle school aged bullying is experienced in the lunch room/cafeteria.
3. By the end of the year, a total of 25 percent of students report having been bullied.

Why?

- 44 percent said they are bullied because of how they look.
- 16 percent attributed bullying to their race or skin color
- 14 percent believed it was related to their sexuality
- 35 percent of children over age 5 experienced bullying because of their food allergies

4. Beginning in Kindergarten, by fourth grade, 80% of children are part of a social group at school. Considering that schools which offer more lax seating arrangements tend to be more cliquish, a school's setting can work to create or prevent cliques.
5. The students who were rated the most-bullied performed substantially worse academically than their peers; 10 percent of students who drop out of school mention repeated bullying as a factor.
6. 25 percent of food services Education Support Professionals (ESP) shared that a student reported bullying to them within the past month.
7. 84 percent of food service workers expressed that it is "their job" to intervene when they see bullying situations.
8. 57 percent of bullying situations stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied.
9. 70 percent of food workers feel additional training is specifically needed to address bullying against students who are overweight.
10. While 86 percent of the food services ESP reported that their school district has a bullying policy, less than 33 percent of them said they received training on that policy.