

# What's Happening in Kansas?

## Kids and Bullying in 2021

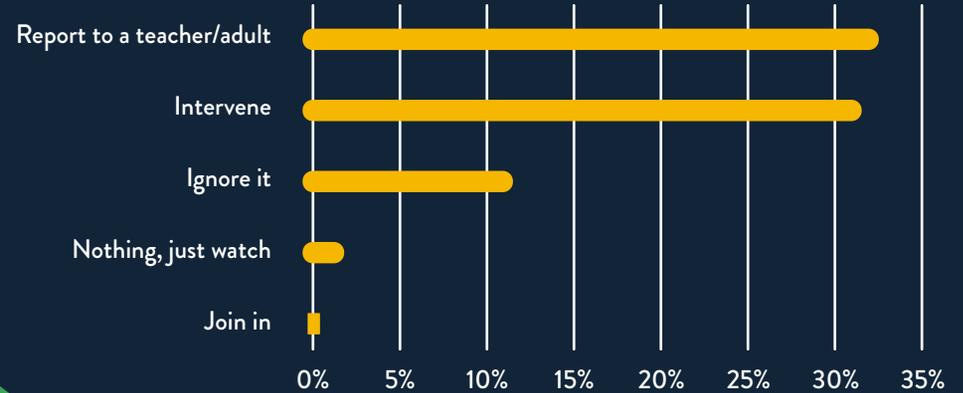
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More than 78% of Kansas students surveyed reported they saw bullying at school during the past year.

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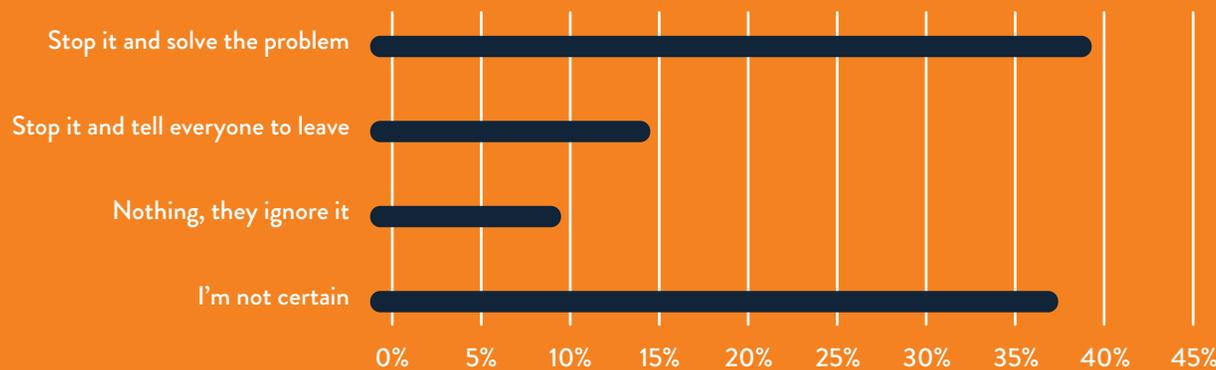
82% of kids who reported they saw bullying at school said they did something to stop it.

## What did kids surveyed say they do if they see bullying at school?



## What do kids say adults do when they see bullying?

Often, students aren't certain what adults do after bullying happens at school. However, the perceptions of students surveyed across Kansas tell us most adults do something to stop bullying. It is important for adults to respond quickly and consistently when they see bullying behavior. Research shows this sends the message that it is not acceptable and can stop bullying behavior over time.



### Why does it matter?

Bullying has a negative impact on kid's ability to learn. Kids surveyed who experienced bullying also reported higher levels of depression and alcohol use than kids who reported they have never been bullied.

### What can you do?

The best way to address bullying is to stop it before it starts. There are a number of things school staff can do to make schools safer and prevent bullying.

 Learn more at [stopbullying.gov](https://stopbullying.gov)



Visit [KCTCdata.org](https://KCTCdata.org) to see what kids in your community are saying.

\*The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is administered annually to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders across the state. | \*Schools may participate at no cost. | \*The survey is supported by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health Services.