



In April 2024, the Sikh Coalition published *Where Are You Really From (WAYRF): A National Sikh School Climate Report*. Based on surveys collected from ~2,000 Sikh students in 30 states across the country, WAYRF offers new insight into bullying and school climate.

# 78%

*of Sikh students reported experiencing at least one incident that meets the definition of bullying, yet only 49% self-reported being bullied.*

# 63%

*of Sikh students said that bullying comments were “sometimes” made in the presence of teachers and school staff, but that those adults “almost never” or “never” intervened.*

# 11%

*of Sikh students reported being bullied by teachers or school staff.*

# 74%

*of Sikh students said they knew how to report bullying at school, but 46% said they “never” or “almost never” reported a bullying incident.*

# 50%

*of Sikh students reported that educational materials, holiday policies, and school or sports uniform policies, are not at all inclusive of Sikhi.*

# 82%

*of Sikh students reported experiencing at least one microaggression, but the majority did not identify this behavior as bullying.*

**WAYRF includes recommendations** for elected officials, education agencies, and teachers. Ultimately, however, those who are most in need of guidance on how to prevent and address the bullying of our youth are Sikh parents. Many factors influence how parents approach bullying, and no two bullying instances are perfectly alike. Still, some common threads can be identified from both the data gathered for this report as well as the Sikh Coalition’s experience of more than 20 years of working on severe school bullying cases. **WAYRF includes a step-by-step process for parents who are concerned that their child may be facing bullying but aren’t sure where to start.**

**TAKE ACTION today** to make schools safer and more inclusive for the youth of our sangat:

- Read the report at [thesikh.co/WAYRF](https://thesikh.co/WAYRF).
- Share the Sikh Coalition’s education resources with students, parents, and teachers you know.
- Sign up for updates, including the opportunity to speak before your local school board about these findings at [thesikh.co/WAYRF-take-action](https://thesikh.co/WAYRF-take-action).