

BULLYING IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

44%*

OF GRADE 5'S REPORTED
BEING VICTIMS OF SOME
KIND OF BULLYING
ALMOST WEEKLY

23%

reported being
physically hurt
weekly

PHYSICAL
BULLYING

39%

were made fun of
or called names
weekly

VERBAL
BULLYING

26%

were left out of
games or activities
weekly

SOCIAL
BULLYING

85%

of parents reported
feeling that their
children were safe from
bullying at school

PARENTS'
PERCEPTIONS

*Learners were scored according to their responses about how often they experienced eight bullying behaviours. Behaviours ranged from being made fun of and being left out of games, to coercion and physical violence. These responses were converted to a scale score. All figures based on South African learner and parent self reports in the 2015 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study.