

Jewish Students' Bill of Rights

Antisemitic incidents in K-12 schools have increased by over 400% since 2020, with survey data indicating 71% of Jewish teens in the US and Canada have experienced antisemitism since 2023.

Jewish students – like all students – deserve to attend school without fear of bullying, harassment, bias, or exclusion. The undersigned Jewish organizations call on schools and districts to ensure that every Jewish student can attend school safely and without discrimination by:

1

Ensuring that administrators and staff are equipped to **identify** antisemitism and the ways it manifests in modern educational environments.

2

Maintaining a clear, transparent **process** for reporting and responding to antisemitic incidents following all applicable laws and with the same gravity afforded to all other hate and bias incidents, with assurance of accountability and follow-through.

3

Ensuring that all **teaching** about Jewish culture, diversity, history, the Holocaust, antisemitism, and Israel is accurate and representative.

4

Treating religious **observances** as excused absences and avoiding scheduling school events on widely celebrated holidays.

5

Protecting Jewish students' right to express their identity, and fully participate in all aspects of school life without religious coercion, bullying, or pressure to distance themselves from any aspects of that identity, including their connection to Israel.

6

Assuring that educators and curricula present contested issues in a balanced way rather than using the classroom to advance specific political or ideological viewpoints.

Jewish organizations are able to assist in implementation of these policies.

Your local Jewish Federation can assist in crafting policies to ensure Jewish students are protected, including through our [Student to Student](#) program, guidance around observances, accommodations and cultural classroom resources, and connections to other resources including from the signatories here.

American Jewish Committee's Center for Education Advocacy provides guidance and training for school leaders, policymakers, and families on creating educational environments that fully include Jews and Jewish life and are resilient against antisemitism. Please access AJC's resources [here](#).

The Anti-Defamation League's many educational resources for educators, administrators, and families can be found [here](#).

The StandWithUs K-12 Fairness Center and StandWithUs High School provide resources and programs for students, families, teachers, administrators, and education leaders, empowering them to educate about Israel and fight antisemitism in K-12 schools.