



Overlooked: The Reality of Being a Muslim Student in Tennessee

A snapshot of Muslim student safety & belonging in Tennessee.

LIVED REALITY

46%

of Muslim students have been bullied or harassed at school.

THE AWARENESS GAP

Caregivers aware:

26%

Most parents don't know bullying is happening.

IDENTITY & SAFETY TRADE-OFF

46%

Elementary students alter who they are to "blend in."



19%

Middle & high-schoolers skip class because school feels unsafe.

73%

of students expressed that their school acknowledges and provides religious accommodations.

POLICY vs PRACTICE

47%

of student have been penalized by teachers or coaches for missing practice or class due to religious holidays.

WHAT STUDENTS FACE



Teachers rarely intervene:

68%



Harmful staff comments heard weekly/daily:

13%

Uneven enforcement for bullying:

13%

WHAT COMES NEXT

1.

Ensure that students are not penalized for school approved religious accommodations.

2.

Address and provide consequences for bullying.

3.

Educate parents about resources to encourage them to get more involved with schools and actively be a part of someone's support system.

4.

Provide opportunities and support for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

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All statistics: AMAC School Safety Survey, March–Aug 2024, n=201

