

Student Testimony for SB410
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I'm 15 and from Clearwater, Ks. I was in Clearwater schools from 4th grade-7th grade. The people there started picking on me ever since I got there. In 4th grade from 5th grade it was not really that bad. As soon as 5th grade really started it was super bad. I got called names every day. It's like they were waiting for me at the door. Names like...fat, chubby, too fat to walk. Anything to do with fat shaming.

Sixth grade was really the year I started to get depressed. Sixth grade I started to get Instagram and Snapchat messages. Telling me that I was fat in person was not enough. At home my stepdad was making fun of me too. (My mom is divorced now.) So it was like I would get bullied at home and at school.

The school was not very good at helping me. I did not have very good grades. The school said I had a low IQ. I started to not care. I wore my mom's clothes. My hair up. No makeup. I just did not care. I was very close to suicide. I felt like no one would miss me. I just wanted it to end. Thankfully my best friends made my day a little better.

Thankfully my mom caught on and pulled me out of school. My mom first tried to report the bullying to the principal but the school didn't do anything. Then my dad went to the school to report it and then the counselor talked to the kids who were messing with me but that didn't stop the bullying.

One time a kid sent me a text and told me to kill myself. My mom filed a police report. The school still didn't do anything. Then my mom pulled me out of school to homeschool.

Come to find out I'm severely Dyslexic. The school didn't know I guess. But they must have not been paying attention to me because my mom caught on after a couple of weeks of home schooling me.

Now I'm still homeschooled and not depressed.