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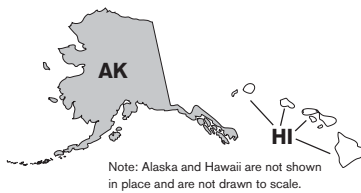
U.S. Bully Bans

Bullying worries more than just kids and parents. Lawmakers across the country are also concerned—and they’re doing something about it! Read the map to learn which states have anti-bullying laws. Then answer the questions.

A law in **Nevada** says using a computer to bully others is a crime. Teachers show students the right ways to use computers.

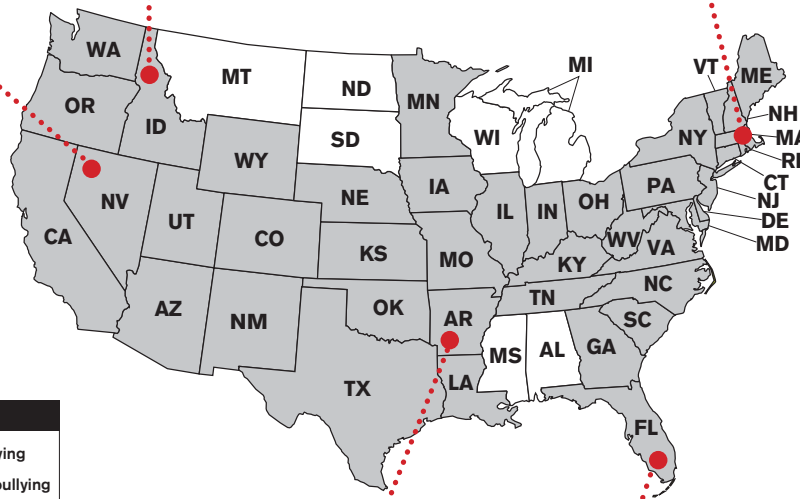
In **Idaho**, officials can kick kids out of school if they are caught bullying other students by phone or computer.

In **Massachusetts**, lawmakers named the fourth Wednesday of every January No Name Calling Day. On that day, students will be asked to promise not to say mean things to one another.



KEY	
	states with laws on bullying
	states without laws on bullying

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Lawmakers in **Arkansas** created a rule that allows school officials to punish bullies—even if the bullying does not take place at school.

By law, schools in **Florida** must create rules to stop bullying. If they do not, the schools could lose state money.

- Which of these states has laws against bullying?
 (A) South Carolina (B) Michigan (C) Hawaii
- How many states do not have laws against bullying?
 (A) six (B) eight (C) 15
- In which state will students be asked not to say mean things to each other on a certain day?
 (A) Massachusetts (B) Florida (C) Nevada
- Kansas (KS) is _____ of Oklahoma (OK).
 (A) west (B) south (C) north
- What could schools in Florida lose if they do not follow the state’s no-bullying law?
 (A) computers (B) money (C) students

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What kind of law against bullying would you create? Why? Choose one of the states that does not have a bullying law. Then on a separate piece of paper, explain the law you would create for that state.



ANSWERS

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1. A
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B