Introduction

- Research findings are controversial regarding Asian American students’ bullying victimization experiences.
- Some studies found that Asian American students reported lower levels of bullying victimization (National Center for Education Statistics, 2015).
- Other researchers found that Asian Americans experienced the highest amount of discrimination and harassment (Rosenbloom & Way, 2004).
- Little is known about Asian American students’ bullying victimization experiences from the perspective of other school members outside of the students’ self-reports.

To address this need, the current study aims to examine:
- Whether there were differences in bullying victimization between Asian American students and other racial/ethnic groups, using Asian American students as the control group.

Methods

- Sample: 15,097 students in grades 3-12 in 108 public schools and their parents.
- Outcome Measures: Bullying Victimization
- Parents completed the Delaware School Climate Survey-Home (DSCS-H; Bear et al., 2016).
- Delaware Bullying Victimization Scale-Home (Bear et al., 2016).
- Students completed the Delaware School Climate Survey-Student (DSCS-S; Bear et al., 2016).
- Delaware Bullying Victimization Scale-Student (Bear et al., 2016).
- Subscales:
  - Physical
  - Verbal
  - Social
  - Cyber
- Predicting Variables:
  - Student Level: Race
  - Parent Level: Race
- Analytic Procedure: T-tests were conducted to measure the differences in rates of four types of bullying victimization between different racial/ethnic groups, using Asian American students as the control group.

Results

- Parents’ Responses
- Students’ Responses

Discussion and Practical Implications

- Asian American parents reported lower levels of all four types of bullying victimization than African American and Caucasian American parents.
- Asian American parents reported significantly lower physical, social, and cyber bullying victimization than Hispanic-American parents, but not lower verbal bullying victimization.
- The lowest effect sizes were between Asian American and Hispanic American parents.
- Students reported higher bullying victimization prevalence rates than their parents across all four types of bullying victimization.
- Physical: 4% vs. 1.7%
- Verbal: 12.4% vs. 7.2%
- Social: 5.6% vs. 3.3%
- Cyber: 2.2% vs. 0.6%
- Asian American students reported significantly lower rates in all four types of bullying victimization than Caucasian American students and African American students.
- Asian American students only reported significantly lower social bullying victimization, but not verbal, physical or cyber bullying victimization, than Hispanic American students.

References