

2008 Preventing School Harassment Survey

ONLY TAKE THIS SURVEY IF YOU ARE A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Take the Survey Online: www.casafeschools.org

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Your answers make a difference – results from prior surveys have helped change school policies. Thanks for helping make schools safe!

1. Please read each statement about your school and mark whether you agree or disagree:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
In my school, teachers expect students to respect one another.				
In my school, teachers give all students a fair chance.				
In my school, teachers treat students as individuals, not as members of groups.				
In my school, teachers really care about the students; <u>all</u> the students				
In my school, students feel safe.				

2. My school is safe for:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
guys who are not as "masculine" as other guys.				
girls who are not as "feminine" as other girls.				
students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ).				
students with LGBTQ parents.				
teachers and staff who are LGBTQ.				
straight allies (people who are supportive of LGBT people).				
students of all races and ethnicities.				

3. Please read each statement about yourself and mark whether you agree or disagree:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I do interesting activities at school.				
At school, I help decide things like class activities or rules.				
I do things at my school that make a difference.				
I feel like I am part of my school.				
I feel safe at my school.				
I have goals and plans for the future.				
I plan to graduate from high school.				
I plan to go to college or some other school after high school.				
I plan to vote in the next election, as soon as I turn 18.				

4. At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
who really cares about me.				
who notices when I'm not there.				
who listens to me when I have something to say.				
who makes sure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect.				
5. Not counting adults at home or at school, there is an adult in my	y life…			
who really cares about me.				
who notices when I am upset about something.				
who I trust.				

Please read each question about your school and mark your answer.	Yes	No	l don't know
6. If you wanted information and support from your school about sexual orientation, gender identity, or LGBTQ issues, would you know where to go?			
7. Does your school have a Gay-Straight Alliance, Project 10, or a similar club?			
7a. If yes, are you, or have you been, a member?			
7b. If you are or have been a member, have you ever participated in any of the following activities with your school's GSA, Project 10, or similar club:			
Wrote an email or letter to your legislator about LGBTQ issues			
Attended LGBTQ political rallies or marches			
Visited or called your legislative representatives to discuss LGBTQ issues			
8. Separate from student clubs, does your school have a support group or counseling group for LGBTQ students?			
8a. If yes, are you, or have you been, a member?			
9. Do you know of any teachers or staff who openly identify as LGBTQ?			
10. Do you have any friends who openly identify as LGBTQ?			
11. Do you have any friends who have LGBTQ parents?			
12. Does your school have a harassment policy that specifically includes:			
race and ethnicity?			
sexual orientation (gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or straight)?			
gender identity and expression (transgender, or being masculine or feminine)?			

13. How often do you hear other students make negative comments or use slurs based on:							
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often			
Race or ethnicity							
Sex (male or female)							
Sexual orientation (gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or straight)							
Gender identity or expression (transgender, or being masculine or feminine)							
Body size or appearance							
Religion							
Physical or mental disability							
Family income or social class (how much or little money your family has)							
Having LGBTQ parents or family members							
Having LGBTQ friends							

	Never	Once a month or less	Once a week	Once a day	Several times a day
14. How often do you hear anti-LGBTQ slurs at schools (example: "that's so gay" to mean something is bad)?					

15. How often do you see or hear <u>teachers or school staff</u> STOP others from making negative comments or use slurs based on:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	l never hear slurs
Race or ethnicity					
Sex (male or female)					
Sexual orientation (gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or straight)					
Gender identity or expression (transgender, or being masculine or feminine)					
Body size or appearance					
Religion					
Physical or mental disability					
Family income or social class (how much or little money your family has)					
Having LGBTQ parents or family members					
Having LGBTQ friends					

16. If you don't always stop people from making anti-LGBTQ comments or slurs, is it because: (check all that apply) It is not a big deal / It does not matter that much to me

- □ I want to but I don't know what to say
- L want to but I am afraid the attack will turn against me
- □ I don't know who to report to
- □ I want to report it but would like to remain anonymous
- Other (please explain): ______

17. During the past 12 months, how many times <u>on school property</u> have you	0 times	1 time	2 to 3 times	4 or more times
been afraid of being beaten up?				
been in a physical fight?				
had mean rumors or had lies spread about you?				
had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?				
been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?				
18. Have you missed school in the past 30 days because you felt unsafe?				
19. During the past 12 months, how many times <u>on school property</u> were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?				
Your race, ethnicity, or national origin				
Your religion				
Your sex (male or female)				
Your body size or appearance				
Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were				
A physical or mental disability				
Because you aren't as "masculine" as other guys Or because you aren't as "feminine" as other girls				
Your family income or social class (how much or little money your family has)				
Because you have LGBTQ parents or family members				
Because you have LGBTQ friends				

20. When guys are harassed because they aren't as masculine as other guys, it is because :	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Of how they dress				
Of how they talk or act				
They aren't interested enough in sports				
They aren't very interested in girls				
They are interested in dance, art, music, or drama				
They are too small or too short; too fat or too skinny				
They are too concerned with grades and studying				
21. When girls are harassed because they aren't as feminine				
as other girls, it is because :	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Of how they dress, wear make-up, or have really short hair				
Of how they talk or act				
They aren't interested enough in boys				
They aren't interested in families and children				
They aren't interested in families and children They are too interested in sports				
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22. I have learned about my school's non-discrimination or anti-bullying policies or laws: If NO: go to next question

If yes, where? (check all that apply)	If yes, when?			-	, were LC es incluc	
	Elementary School	Middle School	High School	Yes	No	Don't Know
In class from a teacher or outside presenter						
At a school assembly						
At a school club meeting						
From other students						
Through posters at school						
Through the student newspaper at school						
Through the student handbook						

23. I have learned about tolerance for LGBTQ people and/or stopping anti-LGBTQ bullying at my school: If NO: go to next question

LOBIQ bullying at my school. If NO. go to next question							
If yes, where? (check all that apply)	If yes, when?						
	Elementary School	Middle School	High School				
In class from a teacher							
In class from an outside presenter							
At a school assembly							
At a school club meeting							
From other students							
Through posters at school							
Through the student newspaper at school							
Through the student handbook							

24. I have learned about LGBTQ people or issues as part of a lesson in my classes at school: If NO: go to next question

If yes, which classes? (check all that apply)	If yes, when?			How supportive was it of LGBTQ people/issues?		
	Elementary School	Middle School	High School	Mostly supportive	Neutral / mixed	Mostly not Supportive
English/Language Arts						
□ Science						
Math						
History/Social Studies						
Physical Education (PE)						
Music/Art/Drama						
Health/Life Skills						
Sexuality Education						

25. The following questions are about how you may have learned about LGBTQ people or issues at school: Have you ever learned about LGBT people or issues? If NO: go to next question

If yes, where / how?	If yes, when?			How supportive was it of LGBTQ people/issues?		
(check all that apply)	Elementary School	Middle School	High School	Mostly supportive	Neutral / mixed	Mostly not Supportive
 A school assembly that included discussion about LGBT people or issues. 						
 A classroom presentation that included discussion about LGBT people or issues. 						
A discussion about LGBT people or issues with a teacher, administrator, school counselor, school social worker, or other school staff outside of the classroom.						
A discussion about LGBT people or issues with other students outside of the classroom.						
Through library materials at school.						
 Through public announcements, posters, and/or other visual materials at school. 						
Through the student newspaper.						
Through the internet at school.						

Tell us what you have learned at school about LGBTQ people or issues:

The following questions are about you. Please answer them to the best of your ability.

- 26. What is the name of your school?
- 27. Is this a continuation or alternative school? Yes
 - 🗆 No
- 28. What city / town do you live in?
- 29. What state do you live in?
- 30. How old are you?
- 31. What grade are you in?
- 32. What is your gender?
 - Male
 - □ Female
 - □ Transgender
 - Questioning
 - Write-in: _____
- 33. What is your sexual orientation?
 - Gay / lesbian
 - □ Straight / heterosexual
 - Bisexual
 - □ Queer
 - □ Questioning
 - Write-in: _____
- 34. If you identify as LGBTQ, which other people know?

	All	Most	A Few	None
My friends				
Other students				
Adults at school				
My family				

- 35. Do you have lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender parents?

 - □ No
- 36. If yes, which other people know?

	All	Most	A Few	None
My friends				
Other students				
Adults at school				

- 37. How do you describe yourself? (Please check all that apply.)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - Asian
 - Black or African American (non-Hispanic)
 - Hispanic or Latino/Latina
 - □ White or Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
 - Write-in: ______
- 38. During the past 12 months, how would you describe the grades you received in school?
 - Mostly A'sA's and B's
 - □ As and Bs □ Mostly B's
 - □ B's and C's
 - □ Mostly C's
 - □ C's and D's
 - □ Mostly D's
 - Mostly D's
 Mostly F's

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