



The average high school student hears anti-gay comments 26 times a day -- once about every seven minutes.

-- From a recent, year long study of public schools in Des Moines, IA.

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TOP 10 THINGS TEACHERS CAN DO TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER and QUESTIONING STUDENTS

- 1.** Intervene to stop the harassment, including name-calling, of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (L/G/B/T/?) students, or students perceived to be LGBT.
- 2.** Acknowledge the diversity of the student body, including the presence of gay as well as non-gay students in all programs, classes, lectures, etc.
- 3.** Include positive images/portrayals of L/G/B/T people/families in your lessons, discussions and bulletin boards.
- 4.** Address gay and lesbian student needs in programs on self-esteem, adolescent development, human relations, pluralism and diversity, conflict resolution, etc.
- 5.** Include in sex education courses information about risks related to HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, including information that is relevant to LGBT? youth.
- 6.** Make information and resources for and about L/G/B/T/? youth available through the library and other departments.
- 7.** Start a school-based support group for gay and straight students.
- 8.** Work to promote inclusion of in-service programs that help education employees deal effectively with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.
- 9.** Respect the confidentiality of students who confide the fact of their homosexual orientation or who ask for assistance or support in this matter.
- 10.** Become involved as volunteers in community programs designed to assist gay and lesbian students.



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Resources for Teachers

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
212-727-0135
<http://www.glsen.org>

Massachusetts Governot's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth
State House, Room 111
Boston, MA 02133
617-727-3600 x312

National Education Association
Gay and Lesbian Caucus
P.O. Box 314
Roosevelt, NJ 08555
609-448-5215

National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC)
202-319-7596
www.nyacyouth.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
202-638-4200

Sex Information and Education Council of the United States
130 West 42nd Street, Suite 2500
New York, NY 10036
212-819-9770

Washington State Safer Schools Coalition
<http://members.tripod.com/~claytoly/safe>

Resources for Students

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
(212)995-8585

National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC)
202-319-7596
NYouthAC@aol.com

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Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)
Safer Schools Violence Prevention Project
202-546-5911 x 103
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All Together
<http://www.alltogether.com>

Starting a Gay/Straight Alliance
http://www.2.pcix.com/users/altoniv/public_html/GSA