Homophobia...
- Includes negative attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors toward non-heterosexual individuals
- Can include verbal, physical, and relational aggression that contains homophobic theses or references

Transphobia...
- Is the fear, hatred, disbelief, or mistrust of people who are transgender, thought to be transgender, or whose gender expression does not conform to traditional gender roles
- May include negative attitudes or beliefs, aversion and prejudice, irrational fear and misunderstanding, discounting pronouns

LGBTQ+ youth experience disproportionate rates of bullying compared to their heterosexual peers
- Over 50% of LGBTQ+ students who were harassed or assaulted in school did not report the incident to staff, and of those who did, 46% reported that school staff did nothing in response

According to a 2017 survey, 33% of LGBTQ+ students report being bullied on school property, while 23.1% of these students report being cyberbullied within the past year
- Over 50% of teachers observe that only “a few” other teachers intervene when students are using homophobic language, with nearly 60% of teachers reporting having heard a fellow teacher using homophobic language
- In one study, only 5% of teachers have never heard a fellow teacher use homophobic language
Recommendations

A supportive school climate may involve the following:

- Having a point person for LGBTQ+ student issues
- Displaying sexual orientation-specific content
- Having a gay-straight alliance
- Discussing bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity
- Providing professional development around LGBTQ+ inclusion and LGBTQ+ student issues

Resources for More Information

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN):
- glsen.org

LGBT National Help Center
- glblthotline.org

GLAAD
- glaad.org/resources/ally/6

Stopbullying.gov
- stopbullying.gov/bullying/lgtq

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- pflag.org

The Trevor Project
- thetrevorproject.org

Hotlines

- National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1-800-237-TALK
- GLBT National Youth Talkline: 1-800-246-PRIDE
- Peer Listening Line for LGBT Youth: 1-800-399-PEER
- GLBT Hate Crimes Hotline: 1-800-686-HATE
- LYRIC Youth Talkline: 1-800-246-7743
- National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) Legal Helpline: 1-800-528-6257

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