



**Local School Climate Survey**  
**Community-Based Version**

## Section A

This first set of questions is about homophobic remarks you may have heard at your school. Please circle the answer that best describes your experience at your school.

1.	<b>How often do you hear the expression “That’s so gay,” or “You’re so gay” in school?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
2.	<b>How often have you heard other homophobic remarks used in school (such as “faggot,” “dyke,” “queer,” etc.)?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
3.	<b>How often do you hear these homophobic remarks from other students?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
4.	<b>Would you say that homophobic remarks are made by:</b>	Most of the students	Some of the students	A few of the students		
5.	<b>How often do you hear these homophobic remarks from teachers or school staff?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
6.	<b>How often do you hear homophobic remarks in:</b>					
	a) <b>Classes</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	b) <b>Hallways</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	c) <b>Bathrooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	d) <b>Locker Rooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	e) <b>Buses</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	f) <b>Athletic Field/Gym</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	g) <b>Schoolyard or School Grounds</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	h) <b>Cafeteria</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
7.	<b>When you hear homophobic remarks, how often has a teacher or other school staff person been present?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
8.	<b>When homophobic remarks are made and a teacher or other school staff person is present, how often does the teacher or staff person intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
9.	<b>When you hear homophobic remarks, how often does another student intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	

## Section B

This next set of questions is about racist remarks you may have heard at your school. Please circle the answer that best describes your experience at your school.

1.	<b>How often have you heard racist remarks used in school (such as “nigger,” “kike,” “spic,” “gook,” etc.)?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
2.	<b>How often do you hear racist remarks from other students?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
3.	<b>Would you say that racist remarks are made by:</b>	Most of the students		Some of the students	A few of the students	
4.	<b>How often do you hear racist remarks from teachers or school staff?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
5.	<b>How often do you hear racist remarks in:</b>					
	a) <b>Classes</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	b) <b>Hallways</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	c) <b>Bathrooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	d) <b>Locker Rooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	e) <b>Buses</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	f) <b>Athletic Field/Gym</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	g) <b>Schoolyard or School Grounds</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	h) <b>Cafeteria</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
6.	<b>When you hear racist remarks, how often has a teacher or other school staff person been present?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
7.	<b>When racist remarks are made and a teacher or other school staff person is present, how often does the teacher or staff person intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
8.	<b>When you hear racist remarks, how often does another student intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	

## Section C

This set of questions is about sexist remarks you may have heard at your school. Please circle the answer that best describes your experience at your school.

1.	<b>How often have you heard sexist remarks used in school (such as someone being called a “bitch” or comments about girls’ bodies or talk of girls being inferior to boys)?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
2.	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks from other students?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
3.	<b>Would you say that sexist remarks are made by:</b>	Most of the students	Some of the students	A few of the students		
4.	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks from teachers or school staff?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
5.	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks in:</b>					
a)	<b>Classes</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
b)	<b>Hallways</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
c)	<b>Bathrooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
d)	<b>Locker Rooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
e)	<b>Buses</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
f)	<b>Athletic Field/Gym</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
g)	<b>Schoolyard or School Grounds</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
h)	<b>Cafeteria</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
6.	<b>When you hear sexist remarks, how often has a teacher or other school staff person been present?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
7.	<b>When sexist remarks are made and a teacher or other school staff person is present, how often does the teacher or staff person intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
8.	<b>When you hear sexist remarks, how often does another student intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	

## Section D

This set of questions is about negative remarks you may have heard at your school related to people's gender expression. Please circle the answer that best describes your experience at your school.

1.	<b>How often have you heard comments about students not acting "masculine" enough?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
2.	<b>How often have you heard comments about students not acting "feminine" enough?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
3.	<b>How often do you hear these kinds of remarks from other students?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
4.	<b>Would you say that these kinds of remarks are made by:</b>	Most of the students	Some of the students	A few of the students		
5.	<b>How often do you hear these remarks from teachers or school staff?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
6.	<b>How often do you hear these kinds of remarks in:</b>					
	a) <b>Classes</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	b) <b>Hallways</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	c) <b>Bathrooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	d) <b>Locker Rooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	e) <b>Buses</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	f) <b>Athletic Field/Gym</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	g) <b>Schoolyard or School Grounds</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	h) <b>Cafeteria</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
7.	<b>When you hear these remarks, how often has a teacher or other school staff person been present?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
8.	<b>When these remarks are made and a teacher or other school staff person is present, how often does the teacher or staff person intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	
9.	<b>When you hear these kinds of remarks, how often does another student intervene?</b>	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	

## Section E

This set of questions is about harassment or fights that you may have encountered at your school. For each question, please circle or check the answer that best describes your experience at your school.

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<b>1. In the past month, how many times have you skipped a class because you felt uncomfortable or unsafe in that class?</b>	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
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<b>2. In the past month, how many days did you not go to school because you felt unsafe at school or on your way to school?</b>	0 times	1 day	2 or 3 days	4 or 5 days	6 or more days
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<b>3. Do you feel unsafe at your school because of... (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> your sexual orientation  <input type="checkbox"/> your race or ethnicity  <input type="checkbox"/> your gender  <input type="checkbox"/> how you express your gender (how traditionally “masculine” or “feminine” you are in your appearance or in how you act)  <input type="checkbox"/> your religion  <input type="checkbox"/> because of a disability or because people think you have a disability
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<b>4. In the past year, how often have you been verbally harassed (name calling, threats, etc.) at your school because of...</b>					
a) your sexual orientation?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
b) your gender?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
c) how you express your gender?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
d) your race or ethnicity?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
e) your religion?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
f) because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

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**Section E (continued)**

<b>5.</b>	<b>In the past year, how often have you been physically harassed (shoved, pushed, etc.) at your school because of...</b>					
a)	<b>your sexual orientation?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
b)	<b>your gender?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
c)	<b>how you express your gender?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
d)	<b>your race or ethnicity?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
e)	<b>your religion?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
f)	<b>because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>6.</b>	<b>In the past year, how often have you been physically assaulted (punched, kicked, injured with a weapon) at your school because of...</b>					
a)	<b>your sexual orientation?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
b)	<b>your gender?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
c)	<b>how you express your gender?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
d)	<b>your race or ethnicity?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
e)	<b>your religion?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
f)	<b>because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>7.</b>	<b>How often have you been sexually harassed at your school, such as sexual remarks made toward you or someone touching your body inappropriately?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>8.</b>	<b>How often have you had mean rumors or lies spread about you in school?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>9.</b>	<b>How often have you had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing or books?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

## Section F

This next set of questions is about some characteristics of your school. If you no longer attend school (for instance, if you have graduated or have stopped going to school), please answer the questions about the last school you attended.

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**1. Is your school... (check the box next to the best answer)**

a public school **Is it a charter school?** Yes No

*If it is a public school →*

**Is it a magnet school?** Yes No

a religious-affiliated school

Catholic  Jewish

*If it is a religious-affiliated school,  
please check which religion →*

Episcopal  Lutheran

Friends  Muslim

Other religion \_\_\_\_\_

another kind of non-public, private or independent school

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**2. Where is your school?** State \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Is your school in:**  an urban area  a suburban area  a rural area

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**4. Circle the lowest grade that your school has:**

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**5. Circle the highest grade that your school has:**

6    7    8    9    10    11    12

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Section F (continued)

6.	Are there books or other resources in your school library that contain information about LGBT people, history or events?	No	Yes	Don't Know		
7.	Are you able to use school computers to access websites about LGBT people, history or events?	No	Yes	Don't Know	Don't have Internet access at my school	
8.	Does your school have a Gay/Straight Alliance or another type of club that addresses LGBT student issues?	No	Yes			
9.	Is there any individual teacher or other school staff person who is supportive of LGBT students at your school?	No	Yes	Don't Know		
10.	Is there any teacher or other school staff person at your school who is open about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?	No	Yes	Don't Know		
11.	How many LGBT students are there in your school?	None	One	Between 2 and 5	Between 6 and 10	More than 10

## Section G

This last section is about some of your personal characteristics.

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1. **Below is a list of terms that people often use to describe their sexuality or sexual orientation. Please check all those terms that apply to you.**

Gay                       Lesbian                       Bisexual                       Straight/  
Heterosexual                       Questioning

**If none of these terms apply to you, please tell us how you describe your sexuality or sexual orientation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Below is a list of terms that people often use to describe their gender. Please check all those terms that apply to you.**

Male                       Female                       Transgender                       Transgender  
Male-to-Female                       Transgender  
Female-to-Male

**If none of these terms apply to you, please tell us how you describe your gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **What is your race or ethnicity? Please check all those terms that apply to you.**

White or                       African American                       Hispanic or                       Asian or                       Native  
European-American                      or Black                      Latino/Latina                      Pacific Islander                      American

Other (please tell us what is your race/ethnicity) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **How old are you?** \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **What grade are you in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing the survey!**