



# **Local School Climate Survey**

***Community-Based  
Version***

**Thank you in advance for participating in GLSEN *Chapter Name*'s School Climate Survey. As you may know, GLSEN is a national organization devoting to fighting anti-LGBT bias as it affects both students and teachers in K-12 schools. The information gathered from this survey will help GLSEN *Chapter Name* to lobby and advocate for the rights of all students and teachers to be treated with respect in their schools.**

**The survey contains questions about you, your school and your experiences in school -- your comfort level there, and bias against LGBT students, women and people of color.**

**This survey is completely anonymous – we do not ask for your name (and please don't put it anywhere on the survey) and GLSEN staff will not know who completed the surveys. Because it is anonymous, we hope that you will be comfortable being completely honest when answering our questions.**

**If you have any questions about the survey, you may contact GLSEN *Chapter Name*:**

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**The survey should take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.**

**Thank you for your help!**

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

<b>1.</b>	<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
<b>2.</b>	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks from other students?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>3.</b>	<b>Would you say that sexist remarks are made by:</b>	Most of the students	Some of the students	A few of the students		
<b>4.</b>	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks from teachers or school staff?</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>5.</b>	<b>How often do you hear sexist remarks in:</b>					
	<b>a) Classes</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>b) Hallways</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>c) Bathrooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>d) Locker Rooms</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>e) Buses</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>f) Athletic Field/Gym</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>g) Schoolyard or School Grounds</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	<b>h) Cafeteria</b>	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>6.</b>	<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	
<b>7.</b>	<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	
<b>8.</b>	<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 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.

1. In the past month, how many times have you skipped a class because you felt uncomfortable or unsafe in that class?	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
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?	0 times	1 day	2 or 3 days	4 or 5 days	6 or more days
3. Do you feel unsafe at your school because of... (check all that apply)	<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				
4. In the past year, how often have you been verbally harassed (name calling, threats, etc.) at your school because of...					
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) because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Section D (continued)

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<b>5. In the past year, how often have you been physically harassed (shoved, pushed, 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) because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

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<b>6. In the past year, how often have you been physically assaulted (punched, kicked, injured with a weapon) 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) because of a disability or because people think you have a disability?	Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

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<b>7. 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
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**Section E**

**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,*

Episcopal  Lutheran

*please check which religion →*

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:**

K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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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 E (cont.)

9.	Are there books or other resources in your school library that contain information about LGBT people, history or events?	No	Yes	Don't Know	
10.	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
11.	Does your school have a Gay/Straight Alliance or another type of club that addresses LGBT student issues?	No <i>(skip to #13)</i>	Yes		
14.	Is there any individual teacher or other school staff person who is supportive of LGBT students at your school?	No	Yes	Don't Know	
15.	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	Don't have Internet access at my school
16.	Beside yourself, how many other LGBT students are there in your school?	None	One	Between 2 and 5	Between 6 and 10 More than 10

## Section F

The next set of questions is about how comfortable you are at your school as an LGBT student.

1.	<b>In general, how comfortable would you be talking to your teachers, one-on-one, about LGBT issues?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
2.	<b>How comfortable would you be talking to your school principal about LGBT issues?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
3.	<b>How comfortable would you be talking to your school counselor or school psychologist about LGBT issues?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
4.	<b>How comfortable would you be talking to your school nurse about LGBT issues?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
5.	<b>How comfortable would you be taking a date of the same gender to a school dance or the prom?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
6.	<b>How comfortable would you be raising LGBT issues in your classes?</b>	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable

**Section G**

Below are statements about attitudes toward school. For each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each statement – from “Strongly Agree” to “Strongly Disagree” – by circling the answer that best matches your opinion.

1.	I feel like a real part of my school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2.	People at my school notice when I’m good at something.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
3.	It is hard for people like me to be accepted at my school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4.	Other students in my school take my opinions seriously.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5.	Most teachers at my school are interested in me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
6.	Sometimes I feel as if I don’t belong at my school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
7.	There’s at least one teacher or other adult in my school that I can talk to if I have a problem.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
8.	People at my school are friendly to me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9.	Teachers at my school are not interested in people like me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
10.	I am included in lots of activities at my school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
11.	I am treated with as much respect as other students.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
12.	I feel very different from most other students.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13.	I can really be myself at school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14.	The teachers respect me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15.	People at my school know I can do good work.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16.	I wish I were in a different school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
17.	I feel proud of belonging to my school.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
18.	Other students at my school like me the way I am.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

## Section H

Below is a list of problems and complaints that people sometimes have. How much has this problem bothered or distressed you during the past seven days, including today?

1. Nervousness or shakiness inside	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
2. Faintness or dizziness	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
3. Feeling easily annoyed or irritated	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
4. Thought of ending your life	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
5. Suddenly scared for no reason	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
6. Temper outbursts that you could not control	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
7. Feeling lonely	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
8. Feeling sad or blue	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
9. Feeling no interest in things	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
10. Feeling fearful or scared	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
11. Your feelings being easily hurt	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
12. Feeling that people are unfriendly	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
13. Feeling hopeless about the future	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
14. Feeling tense or keyed up – hyper	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
15. Having urges to beat, injure or hurt someone	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
16. Having urges to break or smash things	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
17. Spells of terror or panic	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
18. Getting into frequent arguments	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
19. Feeling so restless you couldn't sit still	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely
20. Feelings of worthlessness	Not at all	A little	Pretty much	Extremely

**Section I**

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  
Female-to-Male                       Transgender  
Female-to-Male

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

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4. Which of the following best describes how “out” you are at school about your being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning?

I am “out” to everybody at school                       I am “out” to most people at school                       I am “out” only to a few people at school                       I am not “out” to anyone at school

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

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

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Did you attend school during the 2000-2001 school year?

Yes → 6a. What grade were you in? \_\_\_\_\_

No → 6b. When was the last time you attended school? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

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7. What is your grade average in school this year? (Please check one.)

A                       B+                       C+                       D                       F  
 A-                       B                       C                       C-  
 B-

**Thank you for completing the survey!**

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