

TRANSGENDER YOUTH IN SCHOOLS

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MANY TRANSGENDER STUDENTS EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION AND FEEL UNSAFE IN SCHOOLS

65% of transgender students are regularly harassed at school because of their gender expression

28% of transgender students had been prevented from wearing clothes because they were considered inappropriate based on legal sex

50% of transgender students were unable to use the name or pronoun that matched their gender

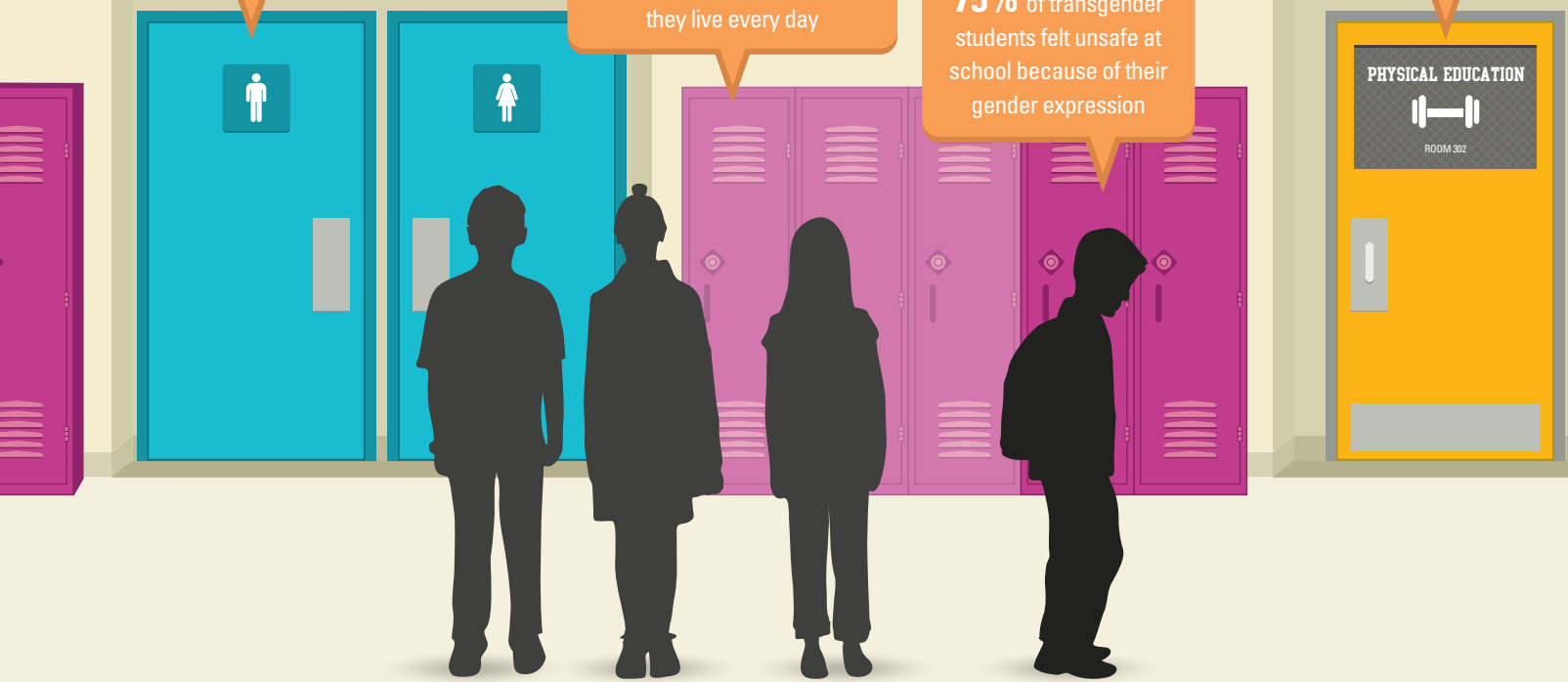


70% of transgender students said they'd avoided bathrooms because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable

60% of transgender students had been required to use a bathroom or locker room that did not match the gender they live every day

75% of transgender students felt unsafe at school because of their gender expression

44% of transgender students avoided gym class because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable



Source: Joseph G. Kosciw, Emily A. Greytak, Noreen M. Giga, Christian Villenas, and David J. Danischewski. "The 2015 National School Climate Survey: The experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth in our nation's schools." 2016. GLSEN.

Inclusive Policies Make a Difference for Transgender Students

Transgender students in schools with supportive transgender policies were less likely report being prevented from using restrooms and other facilities that match their gender identity, from using correct names or pronouns, and from wearing appropriate clothing. They were also less likely to experience other forms of discrimination.



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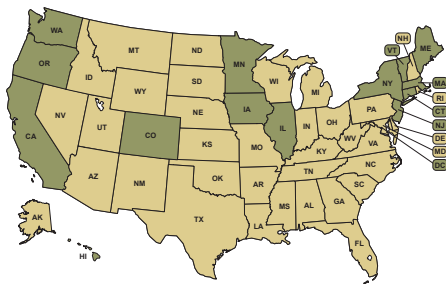


LAWS & POLICIES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE TRANSGENDER STUDENTS CAN FULLY PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL

Transgender students are part of our school communities, and like other students, they're there to learn, graduate and prepare for their future. That means they need to be able to attend school and be safe, respected, and use the school facilities, such as restrooms, that match the gender they live every day without being singled out for discrimination and harassment.

FEDERALLY

Federal law prohibits discrimination based on sex in education through Title IX. Currently, five federal courts of appeals—and many lower courts—have ruled that federal sex nondiscrimination laws like Title IX's prohibit discrimination based on gender identity, protecting transgender students living in those circuits. Despite rescinding guidance clarifying schools' obligations to protect transgender students by the Trump Administration, Title IX continues to protect all students in schools. While courts have continued to rule in favor of transgender students even after the rescission, this action by the administration means that transgender students' complaints may not be fully investigated by the Department of Education.



IN THE STATES

14 states and D.C. have education nondiscrimination laws explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and expression.¹ These laws are critical to ensure that transgender students can attend school, learn, graduate, and prepare for their future.

"Policies excluding transgender youth from facilities consistent with their gender identity have detrimental effects on their physical and mental health, safety and well-being. No child deserves to feel this way, especially within the walls of their own school."

— American Academy of Pediatrics²

CHILD HEALTH AND EDUCATION EXPERTS AGREE

Major medical organizations and child health and education experts, along with teachers and school administrators around the country, recognize that policies protecting transgender students from discrimination help all children learn in a safer, healthier environment.¹

START THE CONVERSATION

Watch "Hallway," the new video ad from MAP and GLSEN, which depicts the discrimination and harassment often faced by transgender youth in schools, and shows how students, teachers, and administrators can support transgender students. Then take action to ensure that all students, including those who are transgender, can learn and thrive in a safe school environment.



¹ Movement Advancement Project, LGBT Equality Maps, as of September 2018.

² American Academy of Pediatrics, "AAP Statement on Protecting Transgender Youth," February 23, 2017.