Safe Schools Laws: Anti-Bullying

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Alabama
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Alaska
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Arizona
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Arkansas
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
• See ACA § 6-18-514 (2011)

California
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

Colorado
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Connecticut
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

Delaware
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• See H.B. 268 (2012).
District of Columbia
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See D.C. Law 19-167 (2012)

Florida
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Georgia
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Hawaii
- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See the Hawaii State Board of Education’s Student Safety and Welfare Policy 4211 (2008).

Idaho
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Illinois
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See S.B. 3266 (2010).

Indiana
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Iowa
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Kansas
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Kentucky
- No law protecting LGBTQ students
Louisiana
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Maine
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
• See MRS 20-A §6554, based on LD 1237 (2012).

Maryland
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

Massachusetts
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

Michigan
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Minnesota
• Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
• See Minn. Stat. § 363A.08 (2014).

Mississippi
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Missouri
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Montana
• No law protecting LGBTQ students

Nebraska
• No law protecting LGBTQ students
Nevada
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

New Hampshire
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

New Jersey
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

New Mexico
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See NMAC 6.12.7.7 and S.B. 288 (2019)
- Formerly, school regulation or teacher code prohibited bullying on the basis of sexual orientation only. See New Mexico Administrative Code § 6.12.7 (2006).

New York
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender (defined to include gender identity)
- See A.B. 3661 (2010).

North Carolina
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of association with someone with a listed characteristic

North Dakota
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Ohio
- No law protecting LGBTQ students
Oklahoma
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Oregon
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation, defined to include gender identity

Pennsylvania
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Rhode Island
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity

South Carolina
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

South Dakota
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Tennessee
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Texas
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Utah
- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. See Rule 277-613 (2018).

Vermont
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Law prohibits bullying on the basis of a family member with a listed characteristic

Virginia
- No law protecting LGBTQ students
Washington
- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [RCW 28A.300.285](http://example.com) and [RCW 9A.36.080](http://example.com), amended to include sexual orientation in 2002 and amended to include gender identity in 2009

West Virginia
- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation, gender identity, and association with someone with a listed characteristic
- See [126 CSR 99](http://example.com), also known as [Policy 4373](http://example.com) (July 2012)

Wisconsin
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Wyoming
- No law protecting LGBTQ students

U.S. Territories

American Samoa
- [No educational laws or regulations](http://example.com) that enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity

Guam
- Law prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation only. See [Bill 41-31](http://example.com) (2011).

Northern Mariana Islands

Puerto Rico
- In 2012, Puerto Rico passed the [Students’ Bill of Rights](http://example.com), which guarantees equal educational opportunity to all students and explicitly includes sexual orientation and gender identity. The Puerto Rico Department of Education, which operates all public schools has adopted a [policy prohibiting discrimination and bullying](http://example.com) based on sexual orientation and gender identity (2017).

U.S. Virgin Islands
- Law prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation only (2014).