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Safe Schools Laws: Anti-Bullying

No updates required since March 31, 2020

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
- See [Cal. Edc. Code § 234](#) (2011).

Colorado

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [C.R.S. 22-32-109.1](#) (2008).

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
- See [Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-222d](#) (2011).

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
- See [Iowa Code § 280.28](#) (2007).

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
- See [MCA §7-424](#) and [H.B. 199](#) (2008).

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
- See [Mass. Gen. Laws, chapter 71, § 370](#) (2014).

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
- State law prohibits schools or districts from adding LGBTQ protections to their anti-bullying and anti-discrimination policies. See [Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.775.3](#) (SB 894; 2006).

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
- See [S.B. 504](#) (2015).

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
- See [New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated §193-F](#) (2010).

New Jersey

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [N.J. Stat. § 18A:37-14](#) (2002).

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
- See [NC General Statutes § 115C-407](#) (2009).

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
- See [ORS § 339.351-339.364](#) (2007).

Pennsylvania

- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Rhode Island

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [16 R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-21-33](#) (2011).

South Carolina

- No law protecting LGBTQ students

South Dakota

- No law protecting LGBTQ students
- State law prohibits schools or districts from adding LGBTQ protections to their anti-bullying and anti-discrimination policies. See [S.D. Codified Laws § 13-32-14](#) (2012).

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
- See [Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 11](#), amended to include sexual orientation in 2001 and amended to include gender identity in 2007

Virginia

- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Washington

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [RCW 28A.300.285](#) and [RCW 9A.36.080](#), 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](#), also known as [Policy 4373](#) (July 2012)

Wisconsin

- No law protecting LGBTQ students

Wyoming

- No law protecting LGBTQ students

U.S. Territories

American Samoa

- [No educational laws or regulations](#) that enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity

Guam

- Law prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation only. See [Bill 41-31](#) (2011).

Northern Mariana Islands

- State Board of Education regulations prohibit [bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#) (2011).



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Puerto Rico

- In 2012, Puerto Rico passed the [Students' Bill of Rights](#), 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](#) based on sexual orientation and gender identity (2017).

U.S. Virgin Islands

- Law prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation only ([2014](#)).