LGBTQIA+ STUDENT SAFETY



Everyone plays a key role in supporting and encouraging LGBTQ+ students. Help create a positive environment for all!



DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 LGBTQ+ youth reported that they had been physically threatened or harmed in their lifetime due to their LGBTQ+ identity (The Trevor Project National Survey, 2020).
- 42% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth (Trevor Project National Survey, 2021).
- According to a recent study from Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, LGBTQ+ youth are 120% more likely to experience homelessness due to the lack of acceptance in their home (Morton, Dworsky & Samuels, 2017).



RE AN ALLY

Allies play a critical role in stopping and preventing harassment and discrimination against LGBTQ+ students – ensuring that everyone feels safe on and off-campus. Allies can be anyone

- An "ally" describes someone who may not be LGBTQ+ themselves, but who is committed to equality and who speaks out against discrimination.
- If you witness anti-LGBTQ+ harassment or discrimination report it immediately.
- Stand up for your LGBTQ+ friends and voice your support for them to be treated with respect and acceptance.

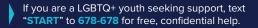


RESPECT & ACCEPT OTHERS

Understanding perspectives, using inclusive language and being respectful to others helps support your LGBTQ+ peers and creates a safe space for all!

- · Use appropriate and inclusive language
 - "Are you seeing anyone?" rather than, "do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend?"
 - "What name do you prefer to be called?"
 - · "What is your preferred gender pronoun?"
- · Be respectful of peer's coming out process
 - LGBTQ+ students will come out or disclose their gender identity when they feel safe to do so.
 - Do not disclose any information they share with you without permission, as the process and timeline of coming out are extremely personal.
- Assess and reflect on your awareness, attitude, beliefs, and behaviors
 - It is okay to not know how you feel, but continue to be open-minded, willing to learn, grow, and be an ally to LGBTQ+ classmates and peers.
- · Use social media as a tool to be supportive
 - Remember that the internet is permanent and sharing opinions can be very hurtful to others.













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