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## Safe Schools Laws: Anti-Bullying

No updates required since April 15, 2019

### Alabama

- No law protecting LGBT students

### Alaska

- No law protecting LGBT students

### Arizona

- No law protecting LGBT students

### Arkansas

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [A.C.A. § 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 LGBT students

#### Georgia

- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation only
- See [O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.4](#) (2011)

#### 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 LGBT 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 LGBT students

#### Iowa

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [Iowa Code § 280.28](#) (2007).

#### Kansas

- No law protecting LGBT students



#### Kentucky

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Louisiana

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Maine

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [20-A M.R.S. §6554](#) (2005).

#### Maryland

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [H.B. 199](#) (2008).

#### Massachusetts

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [Mass. Gen. Laws, chapter 71, § 370](#) (2014).

#### Michigan

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Minnesota

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [Minn. Stat. § 363A.08](#) (2014).

#### Mississippi

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Missouri

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Montana

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Nebraska

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Nevada

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [S.B. 504](#) (2015).



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#### New Hampshire

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- 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
- See [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 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 LGBT students

#### Ohio

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Oklahoma

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Oregon

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [ORS § 339.351-339.364](#) (2007).



#### Pennsylvania

- No law protecting LGBT 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 LGBT students

#### South Dakota

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Tennessee

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Texas

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Utah

- School regulation or teacher code prohibits bullying on the basis of sexual orientation only

#### Vermont

- Law prohibits bullying on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity
- 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 LGBT 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 basis of sexual orientation only



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#### Wisconsin

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### Wyoming

- No law protecting LGBT students

#### U.S. Territories

##### American Samoa

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

##### Guam

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

##### Northern Mariana Islands

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

##### 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

- Bullying prevention statute enumerates sexual orientation ([2014](#)).