

LGBTQ Pride

Key Terms

Lesbian - A woman who is primarily attracted to other women.

Gay - A person who is primarily attracted to members of the same sex.

Bisexual - A person who is attracted to people of both genders.

Transgender - An umbrella term for people who do not identify with the gender they were assigned to at birth.

Adolescence can be tricky for LGBTQ students as they navigate their identity in an at-times hostile world. Unfortunately, many LGBTQ youth are often bullied, and lack the proper support they need to feel safe at school.

As they begin to question, or experience confusion over their gender or sexual identities, LGBTQ students can endure an especially tough time in school. LGBTQ students have reported feeling unsafe at school due to their sexual orientation.

LGBTQ YOUTH IN AMERICA STATISTICS

92% of LGBTQ youth say that they hear negative comments about being LGBTQ.

LGBTQ Youth are twice as likely as their peers to experience bullying and/or physical assault.

4/10 LGBTQ Youth believe that their community is not accepting of LGBTQ persons.

Key Terms Cont.

Queer -
Often used to describe the entire LGBTQ

Questioning -
The process of exploring and discovering gender identity and expression or sexual orientation.

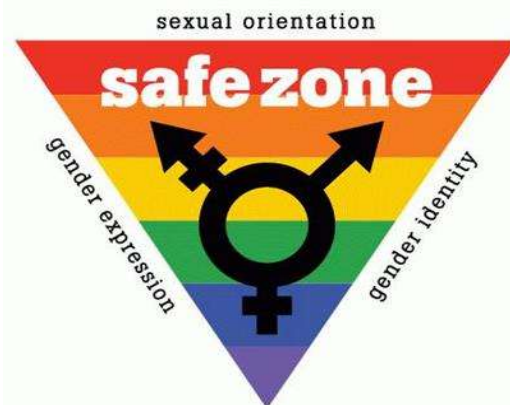
Asexual - A person who generally is not sexually attracted to any group of people.

Ally - A non-LGBTQ individual who believes in and stands up for the rights of LGBTQ people.

Become An Ally!

The word "ally" is a powerful one. It means someone who has your back and is on your side, because they know it's the right thing to do. In the LGBTQ movement, an "ally" describes someone who may not be LGBTQ themselves, but who are committed to equality and who speak out against discrimination. Allies can be anyone:

- A straight classmate who sticks by a friend questioning his gender identity;
- A teacher who serves as an advisor for a gay-straight alliance (GSA);
- Parents who find ways to promote respect for diversity in their child's school;
- A counselor who is committed to making sure that LGBTQ issues are heard.



School is a great place to reach out
You may want to reach out to someone to talk to get support
or become an ally. Consider talking to a:
School Psychologist, School Nurse, Student Advisor, Teacher, or Coach