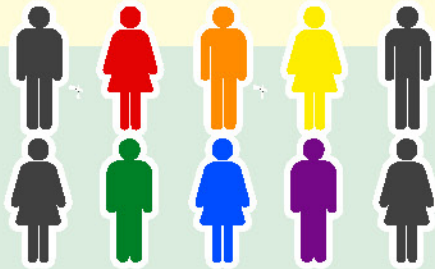




Negative attitudes toward **lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)** students puts them at an increased risk for violence and bullying. Negative attitudes also impact a student's ability to learn at school. Get the facts on the challenges facing LGBT students here.



61% of LGBT students were more likely than their non-LGBT peers to feel unsafe or uncomfortable as a result of their sexual orientation.

11-30% of gay and lesbian students and **12-25%** of bisexual students missed at least one day of school because of safety concerns.



12-28% of LGBT students were threatened or injured on school property from 2001-2009, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. (Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth.htm>)

Why Support Groups in Schools Matter

Research shows that schools with **LGBT** support groups decrease the likelihood that these students will experience threats of violence, miss school or attempt suicide:



of students in schools with support groups are less likely to hear homophobic remarks in school

VS



who attend schools without support groups

Students in schools with support groups are **2x** more likely to say they have teachers at school who make supportive remarks about lesbian and gay people.

LGBT African American students are less likely to report having a support group in their school than other LGBT students of color.

LGBT students in the South and small or rural towns are least likely to have a support group.

(Source: <http://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/Gay-Straight%20Alliances.pdf>)

