

Welcoming Schools



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A comprehensive approach to improve elementary school climate with resources, lessons and tools to:

- Embrace family diversity
- Create gender- and LGBT-inclusive environments
- Prevent bias-based bullying & name-calling



Professional development film from Welcoming Schools:
What Can We Do? Bias, Bullying and Bystanders

Features teachers using Welcoming Schools' lesson plans to engage students in conversations about bullying and the power of standing up for each other. To watch clips, buy DVD, obtain guide and lesson plans, go to:
welcomingschools.org/whatcanwedo



Award-winning short film:
What Do You Know? Six- to Twelve-Year Olds Talk About Gays and Lesbians

Hear what students know about gay and lesbian people, what they hear at school and what they'd like teachers to do. To watch clips, buy the DVD, and find training materials, go to:
welcomingschools.org/whatdoyouknow

Welcoming Schools will help your school...

- **Make teachable moments productive:** Learn how to respond to students' difficult questions and comments — including “What Do You Say to ‘That’s So Gay’?” or “Addressing Gender Put-downs.”
- **Teach lesson plans based on inclusion and respect:** Over 25 lessons aligned with national standards on family diversity, gender and bias-based bullying.
- **Integrate a gender- and LGBT-inclusive approach** into your current social emotional learning (SEL) or anti-bullying program — including alignment with Second Step or Olweus.
- **Find up-to-date recommendations of diverse books:** Both picture books and middle readers for use in classrooms and libraries looking at families, LGBT topics, gender, bullying and bias.
- **Get families involved:** Organize family engagement nights and develop leadership teams.
- **Provide professional development and resources:** Contact Welcoming Schools at welcomingschools@hrc.org



“ Helps schools move toward equity and excellence. ”

– Maureen Costello
Director, Teaching Tolerance
Southern Poverty Law Center



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