

Anti-gay Bullying in Florida Middle and High Schools

About **34%** of middle and high school students report using **anti-gay words or jokes** to tease others on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.



About **27%** of middle and high students report witnessing **anti-gay physical harassment or bullying** on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

	Middle School Students	High School Students
Students who report hearing verbal slurs ('faggot', 'dyke', 'That's so gay,') on a daily or weekly basis	62%	81%
Students who report never or very rarely speaking up when someone is bullied with gender-based or anti-gay slurs	55%	35%
Students report discomfort with or uncertainty about their comfort level towards people perceived as gay, lesbian or bisexual	52%	19%
towards people perceived as transgender	77%	44%

Key Takeaways

- As anti-gay bullying is prevalent by middle school, students could benefit from developmentally appropriate prevention education specifically addressing anti-gay and gender-related stigmas at earlier education levels, as well as middle and high school levels.
- This is the first study in Florida to compare anti-gay and gender-related bullying among public and private middle and high school students.

Reference

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All descriptive statistics presented in this infographic are shown as raw, unweighted averages, rounded to whole numbers for ease of use. College cohort data is omitted. Infographic designed and reviewed by study authors May 2018.