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Working to Make Every Student and Every Educator SAFE at School
Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity/Expression

The Educator's Guide to LGBTIQ Pride

GSAFE believes in a safe learning environment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Though October is recognized as LGBTIQ Pride Month, a time for LGBTIQ people and allies to celebrate their identities as a community, every month is LGBTIQ month. Including LGBTIQ themed/inclusive topics in your classroom helps make it a safer place for all students. Yet, only 10.5% of LGBTIQ students are taught positive information about LGBTIQ-related topics. You can make a difference - celebrate LGBTIQ Pride Month (October) by highlighting historical LGBTIQ leaders, discussing the LGBTIQ movement or by simply putting a display in your classroom.

1. Post Signs:

Display signs notifying students of LGBTIQ Pride Month, as you might for Black History Month or Women's History Month.

Tip: Hang a simple sign that says, "Celebrate LGBTIQ Pride" next to or above one of the six "Think Before You Speak" posters available for free.

Resource: www.thinkb4youspeak.com

2. Cover LGBTIQ History in Class:

Use Safe Schools Coalition "A Living Memory: LGBTIQ History Timeline" to teach your students about important leaders and events in LGBTIQ history.

Resource: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/livingmemory-lgbthistorytimeline.pdf>

3. Increase Knowledge:

Use the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) *Queer Glossary* resource to increase your students' knowledge of LGBTIQ terminology. This will increase students' understanding and give them the foundation to begin discussing LGBTIQ issues in class.

Tip: This glossary also offers strategies for preparing students, faculty, and staff to be effective allies to LGBTIQ students.

Resource: <http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/sa/file29621.pdf>

4. Read LGBTIQ Themed/Inclusive Books or View LGBTIQ Themed/Inclusive DVDs in Class:

Use GSAFE's Lending Library link (an online resource featuring LGBTIQ themed/inclusive resources by grade level) to find books/DVDs appropriate for your classroom.

Resource: www.gsafe.org

5. Teach Respect:

Use GLSEN's *Think B4 You Speak Educator's* guide to teach respect and inclusiveness of LGBTIQ students with the campaign's public service announcements (PSA's) featuring Wanda Sykes and Hilary Duff. Watch the PSA's online or request a free DVD and set of six *Think B4 You Speak Posters* from GLSEN.

Resource: www.thinkb4youspeak.com