Transgender and gender nonconforming (trans/GNC) youth face enormous obstacles to a safe and welcoming school environment, but students who attend supportive schools have better personal mental health and academic outcomes.

Trans/GNC youth are experiencing extremely hostile climates in US schools.

83.7% of transgender & 69.9% of GNC students face gender-related discrimination at school, including:

- 42.1% of trans/GNC students were bullied/harassed at school because of their gender.
- 46.5% of trans/GNC students have been required to use the incorrect bathroom.
- 42.1% of trans/GNC students have been prevented from using their preferred name or pronoun.

Over 4 in 10 trans/GNC students face gender-related discrimination at school, including:

Good news!

Research shows that schools can help trans/GNC students by enacting supportive and inclusive policies. In fact, trans/GNC students in schools with trans/GNC student policies are face less discrimination and are more engaged in school.

And too few schools have supportive policies. In fact, only 1 in 10 trans/GNC students report their school has policies or guidelines supporting trans/GNC students.

Less likely to be prevented from using their preferred name or pronouns (22.5% vs. 47.5%)

Less likely to be required to use the wrong bathrooms (23.5% vs. 51.9%)

Less likely to miss school (54.7% vs. 67.0%)

Together, we can make our schools safe and inclusive for LGBTQ youth. Here’s how you can help:

- Advocate for trans/GNC-inclusive policies glsen.org/policy
- Create a trans/GNC-inclusive curriculum glsen.org/curriculum
- Train educators to support trans/GNC youth glsen.org/training

Data from the 2017 National School Climate Survey: The Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth in Our Nation’s Schools.

Learn more at glsen.org/nscs