Safe Schools Coalition
Crises: 1-877-SAFE-SAFE
Messages: 206-632-0662 x49
www.safeschoolscoalition.org

King County Middle School Statistics
on Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation

Bullying is extremely common.

The 2006 Washington State Healthy Youth Survey results were released March 21, 2007. They include these disturbing findings:

- 29% of 6th graders and 26% of 8th graders report having been bullied at least once in the past 30 days – no significant change since 2004.
- 4% of 6th graders and 3% of 8th graders say it happens to them at least several times a week.
- 9.4% of 8th graders report having been bullied, harassed or intimidated by someone using a computer or cell phone in past 30 days.*
- 18.3% report having been bullied, harassed or intimidated in the past 30 days at school or on their way to or from school because of their “gender (being male or female)? This includes sexual jokes, gestures, or comments that make [them] feel uncomfortable.”*
- 14.4% … because of their “race, ethnicity, or national origin or what someone thought it was.”**
- 12.7% … because “someone thought [they] were gay, lesbian or bisexual (whether [they] were or not).”**
- 10.0% … because of their “religion or what someone thought it was.”**
- 8.5% … because they “have a health problem or physical or mental disability, or someone thought [they] did.”**

Bullying has devastating consequences.

Multiple studies have shown that students who are harassed in these ways are more likely than their non-harassed peers to:

- carry a weapon to school;
- binge drink & report other heavy drug use
- take sexual risks;
- seriously consider, plan or attempt suicide.

And the more ways – the more forms of bias -- for which an individual child has been bullied, the greater their chances of carrying a gun or engaging in self-endangerment or self-harm.

* 6th graders weren’t asked about this.

helping schools, at home and all over the world, become safe places where
every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every
can learn, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation