



Tips for Parents: Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment in schools is common. Students harass one another verbally and physically. Surprisingly, victims often don't know that they are being sexually harassed, don't know who to report it to, or are too embarrassed to report it.

Both boys and girls suffer from sexual harassment, but girls are more often the victims. Homosexual students often suffer the worst abuse.

Teach your child what sexual harassment is, that it is inappropriate, and how to report it.

For more information:

Web links:

US Dept. of Ed, office for civil rights, “**Sexual Harassment: It's Not Academic**”
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrshpam.html>

AAUW Educational Foundation “Harassment Free Hallways-How to Stop Sexual Harassment in School” <http://www.aauw.org/ef/harass/pdf/completeguide.pdf>

“Flirting or Hurting? Sexual Harassment in schools” video produced by WGBY TV and Nan Stein, Ed.D., from the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. Order page and other information. <http://www.wgby.org/edu/flirt/fhmain.html>

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