

Healthy Youth Act



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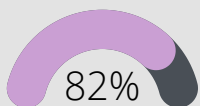
Sponsored by Senator Sal N. DiDomenico, Rep. James J. O'Day, and Rep Vanna Howard

Youth deserve comprehensive health education...

The **Healthy Youth Act**, will give Massachusetts students the foundation they need and deserve to lead healthy lives. The legislation will:

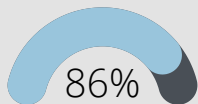
- Require schools that offer sex ed to use **medically accurate, age-appropriate** information.
- Focus on building **healthy relationships** and discuss **consent and boundaries**.
- Ensure that material is **inclusive of LGBTQIA+ identities and experiences**.

because LGBTQ+ inclusive education creates safer futures for us all.

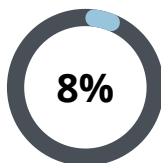


82% of LGBTQ high school students in MA do not learn about LGBTQ sexual health in their school classes.

In 2019, more than 8 in 10 LGBTQ students experienced harassment or assault at school.



6 in 10 LGBTQ students reported feeling unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation.



Nationally, only 8.2% of students reported receiving LGBTQ-inclusive sex ed.



LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum gives students a greater sense of safety and belonging.

According to the GLSEN School Climate Survey (2019), students that receive inclusive curriculum:

- hear less derogatory comments,
- experience less bullying,
- attend school more often, and
- perform better academically.

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The Healthy Youth Act Coalition



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