



**Fact Sheet
California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000
(Assembly Bill 537)**



**What is the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000?
It is a law that:**

Amended the Equity in Education Act in the California Education Code to prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation and to include a more expansive definition of gender.

Ensures that California schools prohibit discrimination and harassment based upon a person's sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color or disability or because a person is perceived to have one or more of these characteristics.

Recognizes that all public schools must afford persons equal rights and opportunities regardless of any basis referred to above.

Affirms that all students in public schools have the inalienable right to attend campuses that are safe, secure, and peaceful.

States that youth cannot learn if they are concerned about their safety.

What can you do? You can:

Guarantee equality and safety in your school or classroom.

Be a positive role model.

Support and listen to your fellow students.

File a complaint when you are aware of harassment or discrimination in your school.

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