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Social Justice

How diverse, integrated and fair is school for students from different races, ethnicities or cultures?



of **Beach Cities students (grades 6-12)** reported it was "quite common" for students to have close friends from different racial, ethnic, or cultural backgrounds at their school.



of **Beach Cities students (grades 6-12)** responded "quite fairly" to the question, "How fairly do students at your school treat people from different races, ethnicities or cultures?"

*Panorama Ed survey, 2020

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning or queer (LGBTQ) youth are at elevated risk for bullying and violence victimization, mental health problems, drug and alcohol use, and exhibiting poor performance in school. **LGBTQ youth are:**



About 30 percentage points more likely than non-LGBTQ youth to experience harassment and bullying at school



30 to 40 percentage points more likely to exhibit chronic sadness

*California Healthy Kids Survey, 2017-18

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Whatever "it" is, have the talk.

Find tips at **bchd.org/talk**.

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Tips to Talk About It

Listen to your child and create an environment that supports social justice.



Always keep conversations open and honest



Come from a place of love, even when you're having tough conversations

Provide positive reinforcement

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Top tips to help your child address social justice:

- Do your research: Be knowledgeable on the topic and have resources available to share with your child. These can include books, documentaries, podcasts or movies.
- Confront misinformation and talk about common misconceptions.
- Be patient when explaining, especially for young children who are confused or surprised when told about social justice issues or misinformation.
- Emphasize to your children to respect and appreciate differences, whether it be race, religion, gender, etc.
- Be patient with your child and allow them to ask questions.

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