

Indiana Department of Education 2020 Legislative Priority Fact Sheet



Priority

Create a more inclusive K-12 environment for students

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) expects a fully-inclusive learning environment for all Hoosier students. Some schools are allowed to reject admittance to students who could be, for example, LGBTQ+, a child of divorced parents, etc. IDOE will support legislation that enacts non-discriminatory policies for all types of educational institutions across the state.

Facts:

- Youth who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual are five times more likely to attempt suicide.
- According to the Indiana Youth Institute, one in five Indiana high school students seriously considered attempting suicide in the last 12 months.
- Youth identifying as lesbian, gay, or bisexual are five times more likely to attempt suicide, according to the 2019 KIDS Count data book.