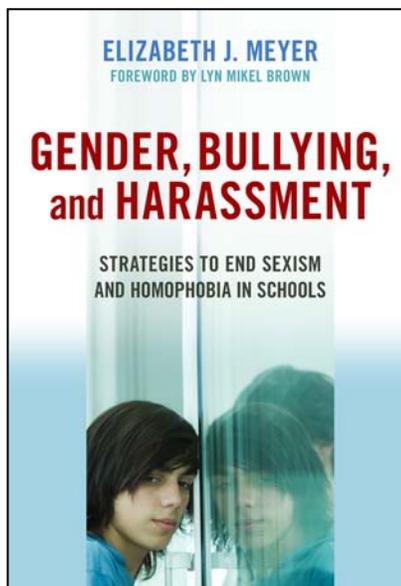


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Gender, Bullying and Harassment: Strategies to End Sexism and Homophobia in Schools

Elizabeth J. Meyer, Ph.D.
With a foreword by Lyn Mikel Brown

"In this smart, brave book Elizabeth Meyer speaks clearly and sensibly about *differences* that make a *difference* in children's school lives." —From the Foreword by **Lyn Mikel Brown**, Professor of Education, Colby College; author of *Girlfighting*

"Bullying and harassment remain serious impediments to learning for far too many students. In this thoughtful book, Dr. Meyer helps readers understand why this troubling behavior occurs and persists, and offers clear and easy-to-implement action steps for both individuals and institutions that are truly committed to creating environments where everyone can learn."

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(GLSEN) and assistant deputy secretary of the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools inside the Department of Education.

"In an accessible, yet theoretically sound manner, Meyer creates a discourse which defines, identifies, and mentors us in tackling the insidious effects of bullying and harassment."

—**Shirley R. Steinberg**, Academic Director, The Paulo and Nita Freire International Project for Critical Pedagogy

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—**Joe L. Kincheloe**, Canada Research Chair, McGill University

"Elizabeth Meyer's important new work reflects an incisive understanding of adolescent peer dynamics. She deepens our understanding of the ways harassment limits the potential of every student. Meyer's powerful argument -- that anti-gay harassment polices all of us -- is original and undeniable."

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While there have been countless studies of bullying and harassment in schools, none have examined the key gender issues related to these behaviors. In her new book, Meyer does just that and offers readers tangible and flexible suggestions to help them positively transform the culture of their school and reduce the incidences of gendered harassment. The text features sections that speak specifically to administrators, teachers, counselors, student leaders, and community and family members.

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- Provides an easy-to-read overview of the legal issues involved in addressing gender and harassment in schooling.
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Interview Topic Ideas:

1. How to reduce bullying and harassment in schools
2. Teaching about controversial issues such as gender identity and sexual orientation
3. Balancing religious freedom and freedom of speech in educational institutions
4. The impacts of cyber-bullying and how parents and teachers can educate youth
5. Why do we need comprehensive safe schools policies and non-discrimination statements?
6. Media representations of masculinity and femininity
7. Teen sexuality and popular culture
8. Transgender issues and gender nonconforming youth
9. Matthew Shephard Hate Crimes Prevention Act (USA)
10. Safe Schools Improvement Act (USA)

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