



Breaking through Barriers

Reports of Sexual Harassment in the 20 Largest U.S. School Districts

Since 1968, the U.S. Department of Education’s Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) has gathered data from schools to ensure equal educational opportunity for all children in public schools. A variety of information, including enrollment, educational programs and services, is reported by the schools, and all data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, and disability. This year, for the first time ever, the CRDC included information on harassment and bullying.

AAUW analyzed data from the online 2009–10 CRDC by using a search tool for the largest 20 school districts based on student population and selecting three data categories for each district: allegations of bullying and harassment on the basis of sex, incidents of discipline for harassment or bullying on basis of sex, and students reported to have been harassed or bullied on basis of sex.

The results of the AAUW analysis are shown in this table.

<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Allegations, basis of sex</i>	<i>Disciplined for harassment or bullying on basis of sex</i>	<i>Students reported to have been harassed or bullied on basis of sex</i>	<i>Total enrollment</i>
New York City Public Schools	NY	0	0	0	979,960
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	0	0	0	634,075
Chicago Public Schools	IL	108	95	120	410,680
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	0	0	0	345,815
Clark County School District	NV	397	350	370	311,950
Broward County Public Schools	FL	0	0	0	256,140
Houston Independent School District	TX	0	0	0	202,775
Hillsborough Independent School District	FL	0	30	0	193,275
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	0	0	0	173,035
The School District of Philadelphia	PA	0	0	0	167,710
Palm Beach County Public Schools	FL	0	0	0	172,910
Orange County Public Schools	FL	43	0	50	173,275
Gwinnett County Public Schools	GA	0	0	0	159,195
Dallas Independent School District	TX	0	0	0	157,090
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	4	0	5	142,015
Wake County Public Schools	NC	0	0	0	141,185
San Diego Unified School District	CA	620	430	5	136,050
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	0	0	0	134,900
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	0	0	0	126,660
Duval County Public Schools	FL	0	0	0	122,595

Source: U.S. Department of Education (ED) 2009-10 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), <http://ocrdata.ed.gov/>