

## The Educator's Guide to LGBT Pride

GLSEN believes in a safe learning environment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. June is LGBT Pride Month, a time for LGBT people and allies to celebrate their identities as a community. Including LGBT themed/inclusive topics in your classroom helps make it a safer place for all students.

Yet, only 10.5% of LGBT students are taught positive information about LGBT-related topics. You can make a difference - celebrate LGBT Pride Month by highlighting historical LGBT leaders, discussing the LGBT movement or by simply putting a display in your classroom.

### 1. Post Signs:

Display signs notifying students of LGBT Pride Month, as you might for Black History Month or Women's History Month.

*Tip: Hang a simple sign that says, "June is LGBT Pride Month" next to or above one of the six "Think Before You Speak" posters available for free.*

Resource: [www.thinkb4youspeak.com](http://www.thinkb4youspeak.com)

### 2. Cover LGBT History in Class:

Use GLSEN's *When Did It Happen: LGBT History* activity to teach your students about important leaders and events in LGBT history.

Resource: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/2440.html>

### 3. Increase Knowledge:

Use GLSEN's *Talking the Talk: LGBT Terminology* resource to increase your students' knowledge of LGBT terminology and their history. This will increase students' understanding and give them the foundation to begin discussing LGBT issues in class.

*Tip: This activity is included in GLSEN's Safe Space Kit, which offers strategies for preparing students, faculty, and staff to be effective allies to LGBT students.*

Resource: [www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1641.html](http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1641.html)

### 4. Read LGBT Themed/Inclusive Books in Class:

Use GLSEN's BookLink (an online resource featuring LGBT themed/inclusive books organized by grade level) to find books appropriate for your classroom.

Resource: [www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/booklink/index.html?state=tools&type=educator](http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/booklink/index.html?state=tools&type=educator)

### 5. Teach Respect:

Use GLSEN's *Think B4 You Speak Educator's* guide to teach respect and inclusiveness of LGBT students with the campaign's public service announcements (PSA's) featuring Wanda Sykes and Hilary Duff. Watch the PSA's online or request a free DVD and set of six *Think B4 You Speak Posters* from GLSEN.

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