

Sexual Harassment

HiTOPS Educator

Designed for: Professionals

“I was just kidding.”
“Can’t she take a joke?”
“Why is this such a big deal anyway?”

Not only is sexual harassment is against the law, it can be intimidating and frightening and can make a person’s environment, including school, intolerable. According to a national survey, 85% of girls and 76% of boys reported being sexually harassed in school. As a result, students have difficulty concentrating, avoid social interactions and sometimes refuse to go to school.

This in-service will help teachers and other professionals learn about the prevalence and impact of sexual harassment within the school community and how they can help to make their school a safe place for all students. Interactive activities will help participants learn about the difference between flirting, sexual harassment and assault and how to become a “safe” person for young people to talk to. They will review their school harassment policy and learn how to intervene when they observe a harassing situation.

Our goals are to help professionals:

- Describe the differences between flirting, sexual harassment and assault
- Understand the chain of command at their school
- Know what to say when a student who comes to them for help
- Increase their comfort level when intervening between students in a harassing situation

Average length of in-service: 90 minutes; half-day; whole day

Recommended number of participants: 20-100