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Hostile Hallways: Statistics of Sexual Harassment in Schools

- 4 in 5 students (81%) say they experience some form of sexual harassment during school.
- 1 in 3 students (32%) who have been harassed first experienced sexual harassment in Grade 6 or earlier.
- 65% of all girls and 42% of all boys surveyed have experienced touching, grabbing, and/or pinching in a sexual way when they did not want it.
- 2 in 3 girls who have been harassed (66%) say they have been harassed in a hallway at school.
- Nearly 1 in 4 students (23%) who have been sexually harassed say that as a result they did not want to attend school.

The American Association of University Women found that sexual harassment is most likely to start in middle school. Some of the forms of sexual harassment reported by students include:

Sexual Comments
Display of Sexual Pictures
Sexual Graffiti
Forced Kissing
Sexual Grabbing and Pinching
Spreading Sexual Rumors
Brushing Against Someone in a Sexual Way
Pulling Someone's Clothing Down or Off

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