

HOSTILE SCHOOL HALLS

Four out of five students report experiencing some form of sexual harassment in school, according to a report released by the American Association of University Women.

Most Students Are First Harassed in the Sixth to Ninth Grades.

Grade level when students first experienced harassment,
in percent of harassed students*

	Girls	Boys
Before third grade	7%	6%
Third grade	3%	2%
Fourth grade	5%	5%
Fifth grade	8%	8%
Sixth grade	11%	11%
Seventh grade	17%	12%
Eighth grade	14%	12%
Ninth grade	12%	6%
Tenth grade	5%	3%
Eleventh grade	1%	1%

* About 17% of girls and 34% of boys cannot recall when they were first harassed.

Most Common Forms of Unwelcome Sexual Behavior

Percentage of students who experienced this type of harassment:

	Girls	Boys
Sexual comments, jokes, looks	76%	56%
Touching, grabbing in a sexual way	65%	42%
Brushed against in a sexual way	57%	36%
Flashed or mooned	49%	41%
Target of sexual rumors	42%	34%
Had clothes pulled in sexual way	38%	28%
Given unwanted pictures, notes	31%	34%
Blocked, cornered in a sexual way	38%	17%
Target of sexual messages, graffiti	19%	19%
Forced to kiss someone	23%	14%