

Harassment Activity

Tell students that sexual harassment is very common in schools. Incidents at every level, even elementary school, have been reported. To better understand what sexual harassment is and what students can do about it, tell students that they are going to work in small groups to brainstorm examples of sexual harassment. Then they will write a script for a scenario dramatizing the incident, how the students responded to it, and what they can do to prevent such an incident from happening again.

Divide students into small groups and have them begin brainstorming their ideas. If they are having trouble getting started, you may want to suggest a few of the following incidents as examples of sexual harassment:

- Touching a student's private parts
- Drawing sexually explicit pictures and passing them around
- Rubbing up against someone in a provocative way
- Telling sexual jokes
- Spreading rumors about a person's sexual behavior
- Calling other students names with sexual connotations