








The Baker's Dozen – Top LGBTQ+ Supportive Organizations/Websites

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Organization/Website	Description & Comments
<p>ACLU California www.acluca.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a multitude of resources related to various laws protecting LGBTQ+ students in California schools Offers clear and understandable explanations of current laws and appropriate enforcement Provides a link (www.myschoolrights.com) to documents that are mostly written for students and usually are available in both English and Spanish.
<p>California Department of Education CDE www.cde.ca.gov</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers information related to many laws and policies pertaining to LGBTQ+ advocacy, inclusion, and protections with relevant curriculum guidance where applicable From actual copies of legislation to FAQ documents, this site is very helpful Includes links to the CHKS (www.calschls.org) and legislation at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov
<p>Equality California www.eqca.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the largest statewide LGBTQ+ organization in the U.S. advocating for <i>pro-equality leaders and legislation</i> Co-sponsor of a number of CA Pro LGBTQ+ educational laws in place today The <i>2019 Safe and Supportive Schools Report Card</i> provides California unified school districts' data related to School Climate, Cultural Competency Training, Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Students, Curriculum, and Suicide Prevention.
<p>Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) www.glsen.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a plethora of resources expressly for educators and students alike Some of its better known resources/programs include the <i>Safe Space Kit</i>, <i>Solidarity Week</i>, <i>Day of Silence</i>, and <i>No Name Calling Week</i> Its biannual <i>National School Climate Survey</i> is the largest one of its kind surveying roughly 17,000 students Another recent report is <i>LGBTQ-Inclusive and Supportive Teaching Practices: The Experiences of LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ Educators (2020)</i>
<p>Gender Sexualities Alliance (aka Gay Straight Alliance) GSA Network www.gsanetwork.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers training and empowerment for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies Among many resources, <i>Start a GSA: 10 Steps</i> and <i>The GSA Advisor Handbook</i> serve as handy how-to's for school site GSAs <i>Virtual GSAs in Action: Digital Organizing Toolkit</i> is a newer resource
<p>Gender Spectrum www.genderspectrum.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a myriad of resources for students, educators, and families related to many aspects of gender Major support areas include Parenting and Family, Teens, Education, Medical, Mental Health, Legal, Social Services and Faith Trainings are available along with support groups held in person or by phone. Support in Spanish is also available

<p>Human Rights Campaign(HRC) www.hrc.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the largest national LGBTQ+ civil rights organization supporting children, youth and adults ▪ Produces many studies including the <i>LGBTQ Youth Report</i>, a national survey of over 12,000 youth that highlights school climate and conditions that they experience ▪ Very active in its legal advocacy of LGBTQ+ rights at state and federal levels
 <p>movement advancement project www.lgbtmap.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Featured Reports</i> chronicle numerous issues affecting LGBTQ across the U.S. ▪ <i>Equality Maps</i> provide LGBTQ Equality progress by state including progress for students ▪ <i>Messaging Guides</i> are research-based and are designed to help positively direct discussions related to advancing LGBTQ equality
<p>Our Family Coalition www.ourfamily.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advances equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) families with children through support, education, and advocacy ▪ Good resource for LGBTQ+ parents ▪ Played a major role in helping to critique the 2016 California History/Social Science Framework to reflect the requirements of SB 48, the FAIR Education Act ▪ Provides helpful resources for SB 48-inclusive HSS lessons
<p>Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) www.pflag.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is an especially supportive group for parents of LGBTQ+ children ▪ Offers local PFLAG group participation based on where people live ▪ <i>Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All The Top 10 Ways to Make Schools Safer...For All Students</i> is a comprehensive resource for educators, parents, and youth-serving professionals
<p>Teaching Tolerance www.tolerance.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocates for all students including LGBTQ+ ▪ <i>Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ Students – A Teaching Tolerance Guide</i> is a comprehensive resource for site administrators, teachers, and support staff ▪ <i>Hate at School</i>, a comprehensive 2019 report on rising harassment and discrimination in American schools, is available at www.splcenter.org/20190502/hate-school
<p>The Trevor Project www.thetrevorproject.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offers immediate crisis intervention and suicide prevention support for LGBTQ youth under 25 across the nation ▪ Provides other resources that contribute to the well-being of LGBTQ+ youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>The Trevor National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health 2020</i> – <i>Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth</i> – <i>Black and LGBTQ - Approaching Intersectional Conversations</i> – <i>Supporting Black LGBTQ Youth Mental Health</i> – <i>Coming Out - A Handbook for LGBTQ Young People</i>
<p>Welcoming Schools www.welcomingschools.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is a program of the HRC that focuses on support at the elementary school level and offers a plethora of resources for educators ▪ Among them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 10 different literature lists – CCSS-based lesson plans using literature – LGBTQ history resources – Videos – Checklists for inclusivity – Definitions – Research – Laws/Policies overview and legal resources – Strategies to deal with negative pushback – Some materials in Spanish – Training for school staff (not free)