

Sexual Orientation

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Questions Participants were Asked to Think About in Advance of this Session:

1. When you hear that someone is gay/lesbian/bisexual, what is your “gut level” reaction? What do you immediately think of?

What are the implications of your thinking for K-12 students?

2. How do your faith/spiritual beliefs factor into your perceptions of gay/lesbian people?

How should this be addressed in K-12 public school settings?

3. Have you had any interactions in your life experiences with gay/lesbian/bisexual people?

Consider this question from your school experiences- as a student/as a teacher. How does this prepare you to deal with GLBT interactions in school settings?

4. Our adopted definition of diversity (NCATE) includes sexual orientation but this topic is frequently left out of diversity discussions.

Why do we not always consider sexual orientation as a part of diversity?