Bullying and Discrimination
Schools have a responsibility to ensure equal educational opportunities for all students, including students with disabilities. All students are protected from discrimination based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity/gender expression, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, disability, and religion.

- As the new school year begins, it is an opportune time to review school policies and intervention plans related to bullying and micro aggression with students and staff.
- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) provides a multi-tiered system of supports for school sites to promote positive school environments for students. http://www.lacoe.edu/StudentServices/PositiveBehaviorInterventionsandSupport.aspx
- Bullying and discrimination complaints can be filed with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) ocr@ed.gov or the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) education@us.doj.gov
- The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, OCR and the DOJ recently conducted a study on bullying. http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/aapi-bullying/ LACOE staff participated in this study and found that students lack awareness of the definition of micro aggression and bullying.

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