Schule der Vielfalt
School for Diversity

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Diversity is a win!

LGBTIQ students meet students in school...

- 62% of students use the word "gay" or "fag" as an insult (6th grade, Berlin).
- 40% of students use the word "lesbian" as an insult word (6th grade, Berlin).

- Only 15% of the teachers at Berlin schools know the (obligatory) sex guidelines, although school administrators and teachers are basically rather positive to the thematisation of gay and lesbian identity in the classroom. But:
  
  Every fourth teacher laughs at homophobic statements.

Source: Klocke: Akzeptanz sexueller Vielfalt an Berliner Schulen, Berlin 2012
2008: Launch of the initiative "School without Homophobia - School for diversity"

- Founded in the federal state of NRW by a lesbian/gay anti-violence project and the peer-to-peer LGBTIQ education project "SCHLAU"
- Starts with a campaign finding people to support the project
- Strengthens schools taking action against discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* - students and teachers
- Advises schools (students, consulting - teachers, school principals, social workers in schools)

Problem at the beginning: project was not integrated in the education system

Obligations for schools that participate

- All school bodies give their confirmation (majority of teachers, parents, students)
- Perform activities every school year
- Reporting activities every year to coordination unit
- Visibility of label and activities against homophobia and transphobia for the public
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Teachers Training Program (duty) und support by government (laws, ressources, permanent offer)

Project dynamic

- more demand
- schools in network
- more participation
- teachers' training program
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Today (2021): 45 schools in North-Rhine-Westphalia + schools in the states Bavaria, Berlin, Hamburg and Hesse
Since 17/05/2015

In 14 out of 16 federal states there are contact persons for School for Diversity – but:
1) green: federal states, where there are participating project schools,
2) yellow: longer existing aspirations and concepts for first project schools,
3) red: until now no known initiatives for a first project school.
School for Diversity Germany

Missing: Federal Coordination unit

Federal coordination unit for the equalization program of School for Diversity, located at the federal department for education and sciences (democracy education), consisting of project management and counseling, special pedagogical unit, media management and scientific evaluation.

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