



Conversation Starters

Questions to ask your children to prompt discussions around safety, diversity, inclusion, gender, identity & sexuality brought to you by the Cherry Creek Parent Advocacy Network.

Safety at School:

- Do you feel safe to use the restrooms at school?
- Do you avoid drinking so you don't have to use the restroom? (Also suggest parents check that their child's water bottle is empty or mostly empty when they return home from school because many students are reporting that they avoid drinking so they will not have to go to the bathroom at school).
- Are the restrooms locked at school?
- Do you feel safe at school?
- Have you or any of your friends ever been in a fight?
- Do you know anyone who is being harassed/bullied by another student?
- Do you think your teachers handle discipline well?
- Have you ever seen drugs or alcohol at school?
- How would you handle if someone were to hand out what looks like candy?
- Have you ever seen another student vaping at school?
- Do you feel safe on the playground/common area?
- Are there enough adults outside during recess?
- Have you ever witnessed someone being bullied?
- Do you feel safe on the bus or walking home from school?
- Have you ever been touched inappropriately at school or on the bus?
- Has a teacher, staff member, coach ever asked you a personal question or made a comment that made you feel uncomfortable?

Some Ideas in Regards to Diversity, Inclusion, Gender/Identity & Sexuality:

- Do you ever see a boy/girl in your restroom? If yes, how does that make you feel?
- Have you ever heard the word, "whiteness" or the phrase, "white privilege"? Do you know what it means?
- Do you know anyone who is transgender/LGBTQIA+?
- Is there a Pride flag in your classroom?
- Are there any kids in your class who do not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?
- Does your teacher ever talk about "Black Lives Matter", "staying "woke", "Trump", "Democrats", "Republicans", etc...?
- Does your teacher talk about politics in class?
- Does your teacher ever talk about race/racism?
- Have you been asked to share your pronouns in class or on an assignment?
- Has anyone ever asked about your gender or sexuality?
- Does your teacher allow students to change their clothes at school?



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