

YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Aggression is most common in locations where time is less structured.

Students report seeing relational aggression more regularly in ALL locations compared to physical aggression.

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Question: Where do students see relational and physical aggression occur?

Top Relational Aggression

Locations:

- 55% see relational aggression during recess or break time
- 52% in the cafeteria
- 42% in the hallways
- 37% on the way home
- 36% in the restrooms
- 36% in the classroom

Top Physical Aggression

Locations:

- 35% see physical aggression during recess or break time
- 27% on the way home
- 26% in the hallways
- 21% in the restrooms
- 19% in the cafeteria

Other locations in which students see aggression occur:

gym class

relational aggression: 29%
physical aggression: 18%

after-school sports

relational aggression: 25%
physical aggression: 17%

after-school activities

relational aggression: 17%
physical aggression: 16%

Participants

1,882 students from 16 U.S. public and private schools participated in the study:

- 50% were female, 50% were male
- 55% were in grades 3-5, 45% were in grades 6-8
- 79% were Caucasian, 8% Hispanic, 2% Asian American, 2% African American, 1% Native American, 8% other

Data Collection

Students were asked how often they see relational aggression and physical aggression occur in a total of nine different locations in and around school. Students who said they see aggression monthly, weekly or daily are reported here.

Relational aggression is described as students spreading lies, ignoring someone or purposefully leaving them out; physical aggression is described as students in a physical fight.

