Standards for Conduct

Our definition:

State laws that set minimum standards for conduct in schools.

What are these laws?

States and territories can require schools to enact a code of conduct or ethics specifying the appropriate behaviors expected between adults and students.

Here's what we found:

Only **30% of states and territories** require schools to have a code of conduct or ethics in state law.

Legal Accountability

Our definition:

State laws criminalizing sexual misconduct by a person in a position of authority to further ensure safety in schools and communities.

What are these laws?

States and territories address sexual contact of adults in a position of authority (e.g., teacher, administrative staff, or coach) in a school setting.

Here's what we found:

Only **61% of states and territories** address sexual contact between youth and adults in a position of authority.

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