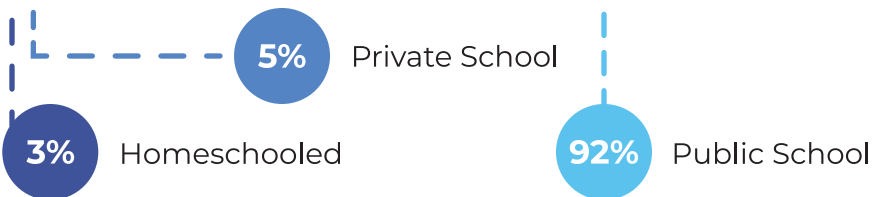


School Experiences

Experiences of Trans and Non-Binary Youth Under Age 16 in Clinical Care

100% of youth participants were in school



76% Over the last year, 76% of youth always had access to school supplies when they needed them.

10%

10% of youth missed 2+ weeks of school related to their gender due to: mental health, bullying/assault, being outed, misgendering.

“

I was getting misgendered at school and having panic attacks.

A transphobic student in [my] class assaulted [me] physically, and then [the] teachers took the transphobic student's side.

When I first came out, I did not want to go to school as I was afraid of what kids would say as teachers had already told kids what my new pronouns were.

”

14%

14% had to change schools because others had an issue with the youth's gender,

28%

and another 28% considered it.

40%

40% of families had to get involved in school regarding gender issues

Among youth who are in a school (not homeschooled) whose teachers or classmates know about their gender¹:

98%

say their **teachers** are **somewhat or very supportive** of their gender identity and expression

93%

say their **classmates** are **somewhat or very supportive** of their gender identity and expression

92%

feel that their teachers treat them fairly

70%

agree that they feel a part of their school

68%

agree that they feel close to people at school

81%

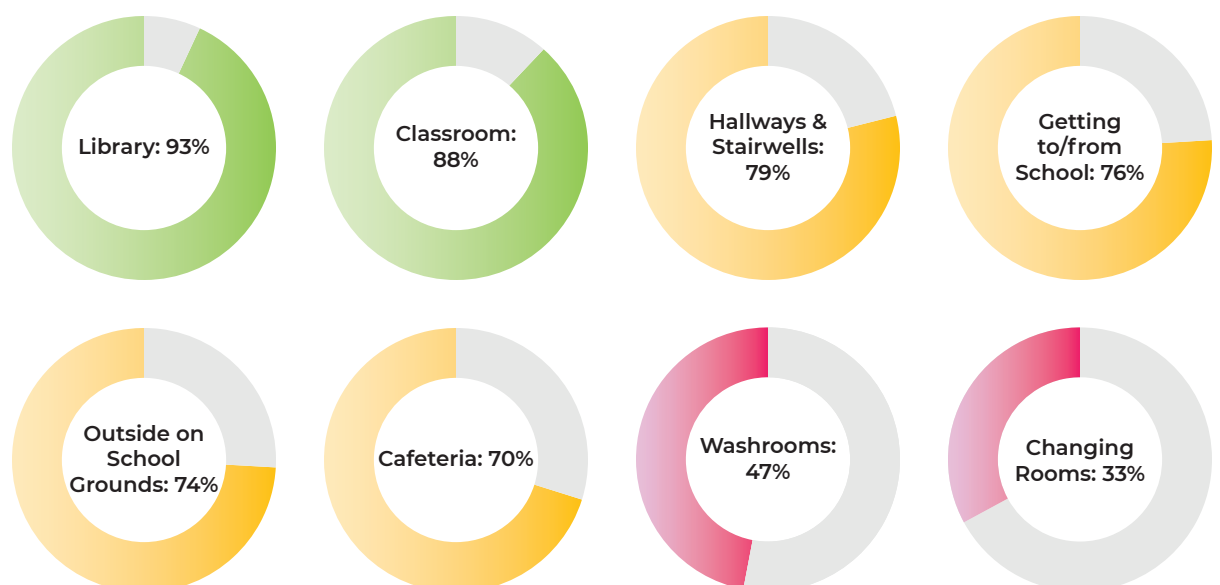
81% agree they **feel safe in school**

BUT

63%

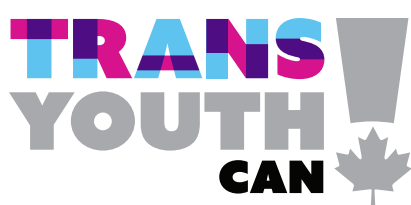
63% were **avoiding school locker rooms and school washrooms**

Safety at School: Percentages Of Youth Who Felt SAFE In The Following Places



Safe

Unsafe



1 - For 2.7% of youth, classmates don't know about their gender; for 12.1% of youth, teachers don't know about their gender.

Who are the participants in this study?

There are 174 youth and 160 parents/caregivers participating in the Trans Youth CAN! study. Youth aged 15 or younger and who had reached puberty were recruited at their first appointment after referral for blockers or hormones at one of 10 medical clinics across Canada (Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax). Youth could also invite one parent or caregiver to participate. This data was collected between September 2017 and June 2019.