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.