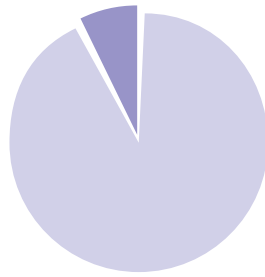
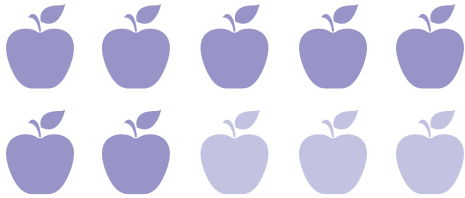


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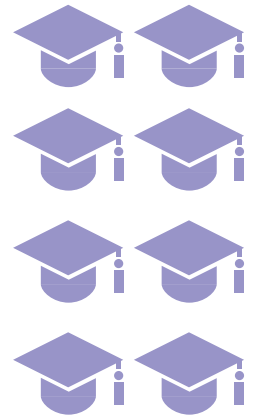
**Nearly 70%**

of teachers have at least one grieving student in their classroom.

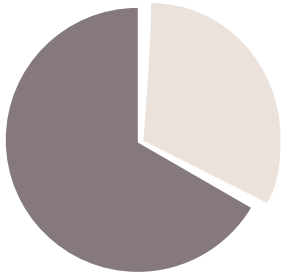


Only **7% of teachers** have had any amount of bereavement training.

On average, teachers interact with **8 grieving students per year.**



**Teachers bear witness to the serious impact that grief can have on students:**



More than 2/3 "always" or "usually" see **withdrawal, difficulty concentrating, absenteeism, and a decrease in academic performance.**

For those at the high school level, the effects can be more disturbing:

**42%** have witnessed self-destructive behavior.

**38%** have witnessed increased risk-taking, such as the use of alcohol or drugs.

**92%**

of educators say childhood grief is a serious problem that deserves more attention from schools.

**Educators can help grieving students by:**

- **Identifying** skills and sharing resources that support the coping process.
- **Providing** ongoing support and being there when they are ready to talk.
- **Allowing** them to express themselves constructively.
- **Opening** the lines of communication between school and home.
- **Guiding** other students on how to respond to them.

*Survey results are taken from a 2012 survey conducted by the New York Life Foundation in conjunction with the American Federation of Teachers.*

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**Additional resources:** [grievingstudents.org](http://grievingstudents.org), an industry-endorsed multimedia platform for educators and school communities developed by the Coalition to Support Grieving Students in partnership with the New York Life Foundation and the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement.

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