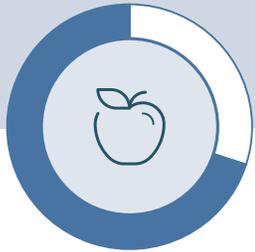


Grief in the classroom.

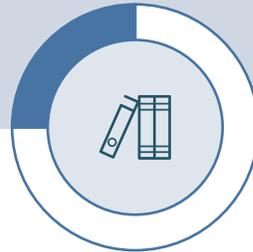
Despite the prevalence of bereavement, grief resources in school are lacking:



Nearly 70%
of teachers have at least **one grieving student in their classroom.**



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



Only 25%
of those who lost a parent growing up say their **school was well prepared to help them.**

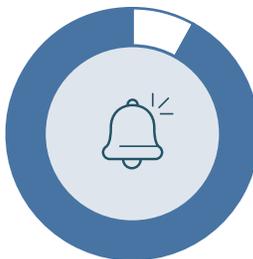
Educators can help grieving students by:

- 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

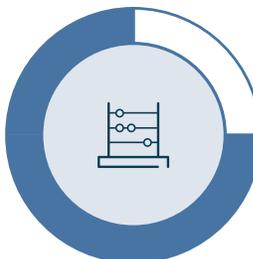
Grief can have a serious impact on students but support from educators makes a difference:



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



92%
of educators say **childhood grief is a serious problem** that deserves more attention from schools.



75%
of Americans agree that **schools have a pivotal role to play in supporting grieving students.**

Additional resources: 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.

Cited statistics reflect findings from the New York Life Foundation's 2017 Bereavement Survey as well as a 2012 survey of educators conducted by the New York Life Foundation in partnership with the American Federation of Teachers.