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Organizers say GLBTQ Online High School is unique

MAPLEWOOD, Minn. (AP) — An educator who has launched an online high school catering to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students says he's received applications from across the country.

David Glick says his GLBTQ Online High School removes gay students from potentially hostile school environments and puts them in a "welcoming educational community."

But, others say an online school would further alienate the students. David Johnson teaches social psychology at the University of Minnesota. Johnson says it would be much better to have those students in a regular high school setting.

The International Association for K-12 Online Learning says the Maplewood-based program is the first of its kind for gay students.

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