

Gender-Inclusive Schools

The board believes in fostering an educational environment that is safe and free of discrimination for all students, regardless of gender expression, gender identity, or sex. To that end, the board recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach toward transgender and gender-expansive students with regard to key terms, communication and the use of names and pronouns, student records, confidential health and education information, communication, restroom and locker room use and accessibility, sports and physical education, dress codes, and other school activities, in order to provide these students with an equal opportunity for learning and achievement.

This policy is a component of the district's responsibility to create and maintain a safe, civil, respectful and inclusive learning community and will be implemented in conjunction with comprehensive training of staff and volunteers. Specific training requirements are included in the accompanying procedure. The superintendent will appoint a primary contact to receive copies of all formal and informal complaints and ensure policy implementation. The name and contact information for the compliance officer will be communicated throughout the district. The district compliance officer will participate in at least one mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI.

The superintendent will develop a procedure that meets the criteria described above and will designate one person in the district as the primary contact regarding that procedure.

Cross References: 2145 - Suicide Prevention
 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
 3210 - Nondiscrimination
 3231 - Student Records

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 34 C.F.R., Part 99 - Family Education
 Rights and Privacy Act
 Chapter 28A.642 RCW Discrimination prohibited
 Chapter 392-190 WAC Equal educational opportunity—
 Unlawful discrimination prohibited
 Chapter 162-32 WAC Sexual orientation and gender identity

Management Resources: 2019 – July Issue
 2014 - December Issue
 2013 - December Issue
 Prohibiting Discrimination in Washington Public Schools -
 OSPI Guidelines for school districts to implement Chapters
 28A.640 and 28A.642 RCW and Chapter 392-190 WAC
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