

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, 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. Specific training requirements are included in the accompanying procedure to this policy. The superintendent will appoint a primary contact to serve as the district compliance officer and to receive copies of all formal and informal complaints. The name and contact information for the compliance officer will be communicated and published widely throughout the district. The district compliance officer will participate in at least one mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI.

This policy and its procedure will support district efforts to provide a safe learning environment by facilitating district compliance with local, state and federal laws concerning harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination.

Cross References: 3205 – Prohibition of Sexual Harassment
 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
 3210 - Nondiscrimination
 3231 - Student Records

Legal References: RCW 28A.642 Discrimination Prohibition
 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 34 C.F.R., Part 99 - Family Education Rights
 and Privacy Act

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