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LGBTQIA2S+ Support In Newberg Schools

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Introduction

We are **not** perfect.

We have our own biases, blind spots, preconceived ideas, morals, experience and expertise.

Volatile national and local policies are confusing.

This presentation represents the most current information from the Oregon Department of Education and Newberg School District.

We're all in!

Talking about gender identity and sexuality can be a sensitive topic for many. Let's remember:

- We are all human
- We all want what's best for our youth
- We can ALL do better



Agenda

Data

National, Regional, Local

Defining Terms

LGBTQIA2S+, What is Gender?, Pronouns

Strategies to Support

Using pronouns, strategies in classrooms

Ch-ch-changes

Synergy

Sports & Locker room

From Mark Brown

Resources

Many, many slides at the end

DHS Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

Data







3LSEN 2021

Local Data

- 50% LCS school based mental health referrals in 2021/2022 at CVMS identified as LGBTQIA2S+
- 40% Homeless Youth in Newberg are LGBTQIA2S+
- LGBTQIA2S+ students are at an increased risk of suffering from:
 - Higher rates of depression
 - Avoid school functions and extra curriculars
 - Suicidality

Definition of Terms

Lesbian Bi-Sexual Trans-Question-Two-Plus Gay Queer Intersex Asexual Spirit gender ing The A third gender A person An An An individual The 'plus' is A man who An A woman found in some whose process of umbrella individual individual who does used to primarily is primarily Native Amerigender term to be exploring who's sexual not feel attracted to attracted to who is signify all of can cultures. identity and more incluthe gender women men: primarily anatomy or sexual often involving differs from sive of the discovering attracted to chromodesire identities sometimes birth-assigned their one's own many identiand/or men or women and sexual used as a people of sones do not assigned sexual taking on the broad term their own ties and fit with the attraction to orientations sex at birth identities and orientation. and opposite varations that are not for traditional any group of roles of the identity, individuals gender that make up markers of people. It is specifically opposite sex. A and/or attracted to the LGBTQ+ "female" and not the same covered by sacred and gender "male" as celibacy the other the same community historical idenexpression sex and has tity, two-spirit initials. can include but many is by no means sub-groups limited to LGBTQ+ identities

(ORS 659.850; HB 2697 2020; OAR 581-022-2312)

What is Gender?

Federal Title IX Protects students against discrimination, and identifies sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as protected classes (as well as race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, age or disability).

What is Gender?



All people have these 4 categories:

- 1. Assigned Birth Gender
- 2. Gender Identity: Internal Perception of Gender
- 3. Gender Expression: Appearance
- 4. Sexual Orientation: Attraction/Love

Cisgender: birth gender aligns with gender identity Transgender: birth gender does not align with gender identity

Photo: Alexander Grey (ORS 659.850)

https://youtu.be/tb9gsC3lm-E



Pronouns

She/Her He/Him They/Them

Female

Person identifies as female.

Male

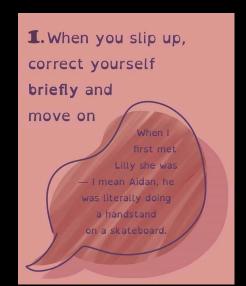
Person identifies as male.

Non-Binary

Person does not identify with either male or female (or they identify with both!)

• Note: there are lots of other pronouns that people use to identify with!

Getting New Pronouns Right









Strategies to Support LGBTQ2SIA+ Students

Pronouns

- Share pronouns
- Remind and enforce

Teaching

Uplift and integrate inclusive texts:

- Queer stories
- Diverse families

Substitutes

Make sure subs know correct names and pronouns

- Rosters
- Seating charts

Classroom

- Words and symbols
 - Interrupt homophobic & transphobic language

Privacy, Confidentiality, and Student Records

- Authorized school personnel with access to a transgender or gender nonconforming student's identity <u>shall not disclose</u> any information that may reveal a student's transgender status to others – including the student's parents or guardians and other school staff – unless legally authorized to do so or unless the student has authorized such disclosure in writing.
- All students have the right to discuss and express their gender identity and expression openly and to decide when, with whom, and what private information to share.

Changes in Synergy

Student

Comes to supportive adults in school



Staff

Refers student to School Counselor

School Counselor

Talks with student about comfort level and can refer to Tech for changes with parent permission

Tech People

Tech makes changes in Synergy including gmail and google classrooms

LGBTQIA2S+ in Locker Rooms and Restrooms

Basic Rights Oregon, 2020:practice of allowing a transgender boy to use the boys' restrooms and locker rooms does not violate the rights of cisgender students or parents. The recent court decision affirms the ruling of the United States District Court in Oregon which stated that schools are not only permitted, but required, to treat transgender students equally under the law.

LGBTQIA2S+ in Sports





The OSAA endeavors to allow students to participate for the athletic or activity program of their consistently asserted gender identity while providing a fair and safe environment for all students. As with Rule 8.2 regarding Duration of Eligibility / Graduation, rules such as this one promotes harmony and fair competition among member schools by maintaining equality of eligibility and increase the number of students who will have an opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities.

(OSAA; 2022-23)

Complaint Process

You are entitled to protection.

Newberg School District has complaint escalation process for staff and students.

Contact your administrator to fill out an official complaint. They will guide you to next steps.

https://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/complaint-process

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Thank you for keeping an open mind!

We will take this time to respond to any questions you may have submitted.



Questions? bit.ly/3lop40i

the best gift you are ever going to give someone—the permission to feel safe in their own skin. to feel worthy. to feel like they are enough.

Additional Resources

The following slides contain resources.

Queer Glossary

Gender Identity

The internal perception of an one's gender, and how they label themselves, based on how much they align or don't align with what they understand their options for gender to be.

Often conflated with biological sex, or sex assigned at birth.

Sexual Orientation

The type of sexual, romantic, emotional/spiritual attraction one has the capacity to feel for some others, generally labeled based on the gender relationship between the person and the people they are attracted to.

Cisgender

A gender description for when someone's sex assigned at birth and gender identity correspond in the expected way (e.g., someone who was assigned male at birth, and identifies as a man).

Say this, not that

Gay and bi men (cis and trans)

"LGBTQ people when compared to the general population"	"LGBTQ people when compared with their heterosexual peers"
Trans and gender diverse, transgender, trans person	Trans*, transgendered, transgenderism, transvestite, tranny, pre-op/post-op, cross dresser, sex & gender diverse. 'Transgender' is an adjective, not a noun or verb. It shouldn't be used on its own, e.g. 'a trans' or 'the transgender'
Transitioning, affirming gender	Transing, transgendering, trans'd
Men, women and non-binary people	Men, women and trans
Gender-affirming healthcare, transition-related healthcare	Gender reassignment, sex change, sex reassignment

Ask: "What is your pronoun?"

"What is your preferred pronoun?"

Think: "Would I ask a cisgender person this?"

"Have you had the surgery?" / "Tell me more about your genitals?" / "What is your real name?"

Gay, bi and trans men

LGBTQIA2S+ Policy and Laws

Policy and Laws

This <u>document</u> summarizes the protections provided, in state and federal law, for individuals in Oregon's public schools as well as school district policy.

Important Dates to Acknowledge



Resources to support the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ students and families

Trevor Project



Crisis services and research.



Pride Less Prejudice

LGBTQ+ inclusive books and lesson plans.

Facebook Groups



- Gender, Health, and Community Network
- Mid Willamette Trans Support Network
- Corvallis Rainbow Network
- LGBTQ Portland



Title IX Civil Rights

Know what your students' rights are and help advocate for their success.

Even More Resources!

Media





<u>Literacy</u>

Books spotlight diversity,

experiences among those

who identify as LGBTQ+.

histories, cultures, and

A list of documentaries about the LGBTQ+ community and history

GLSEN



Advocacy, Resources, Professional Development



Humans

Talk to someone from the LGBTQ+ community!

Online Resources

Political

- Equality Federation
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
- National LGBTQ Task Force
- Victory Fund

Youth

- Gay, Lesbian & Straight
 Education Network
 (GLSEN)
- GSA Network
- LGBTQ Student Resources
 & Support
- Point Foundation
- Safe Schools Coalition

More Online Resources

Transgender

- National Center for <u>Transgender Equality (NCTE)</u>
- Sylvia Rivera Law Project
- Transgender Law Center
- Transgender Legal Defense
 & Education Fund

General

- Anti-Violence Project
- CenterLink
- <u>COLAGE</u>
- GMHC
- Matthew Shepard Foundation
- Movement Advancement Project
- Out & Equal
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Straight for Equality
- The Williams Institute
- GLSEN 2021 National School Climate Survey

ODE LGBTQIA2S+ Resources Page

Sign up <u>here</u> to receive newsletter and announcements about LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success!

As recommended by the Statewide <u>LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan</u>, adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is committed to demonstrating leadership to districts, schools and families by continuously "collecting and disseminating resources, providing guidance, addressing violations of policy in a timely manner, and proactively building districts' capacity to create trusting, connected and inclusive environments." (Domain 3, Objective 2: ODE Capacity to Support Districts and Families)

Seeking Support From Leadership

- Have a conversation that is straightforward and focused on supporting this marginalized community.
- Have facts to support your rationale for extra support (including the district/school policies).
- Have a well laid out plan.
- Have resources to support your plan.
- Participate in the creation or location of your policies to support your LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Coaching and Supporting Teachers and Staff

- Work with your admin to promote school wide responses which are needed to prevent pushbacks.
- Make it easy for teachers to infuse LGBTQ+ curriculum into their existing curriculum.
- Give PDs
- Connect with substitute teachers.