

TRANSGENDER, NONBINARY, AND GENDER NONCONFORMING STUDENT RIGHTS

STUDENT RIGHTS ARE NOT OPTIONAL

San Diego Unified School District is committed to creating and sustaining safe, supportive, and welcoming school sites, free from discrimination and harassment, for transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming students in accordance with the California School Success and Opportunity Act (January 2014).

STUDENT RIGHTS

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- have the right to use the facilities that match their gender identity
- have the right to participate in sports and PE classes that match their gender identity
- have the right to dress in a way that aligns with their gender identity
- have the right to be addressed by the name and pronouns that correspond with their gender identity
- have the right to assert their gender identity at school
- have the right to be free from bullying and harassment at school
- have the right to express and speak out about transgender & nonbinary issues
- have the right to keep their transgender/nonbinary identity private
- have a right to be out at school

KNOW THE TERMINOLOGY

■ GENDER IDENTITY

A person's deeply held, internal sense of self as male, female, a blend of both, or neither and may or may not correspond with the gender assigned at birth.

■ TRANSGENDER

Transgender people are people whose gender identity is different from the gender they were assigned at birth. “Trans” is often used as shorthand for transgender. Everyone—transgender or not—has a gender identity. Most people never think about what their gender identity is because it matches their sex at birth.

■ CISGENDER

A term used to describe a person whose gender identity aligns with those typically associated with the sex assigned to them at birth.

■ NONBINARY

A catch-all category for gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine—identities which are thus outside of the gender binary. i.e. genderqueer, bigender, agender, genderfluid, etc.

■ GENDER NONCONFORMING

describes people whose gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations, such as “feminine” boys, “masculine” girls, and those who are perceived as androgynous.

