

TRANSGENDER, NONBINARY, AND GENDER NONCONFORMING 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 the 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.

