

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.

This policy and its procedure will support that effort by facilitating District compliance with local, state and federal laws concerning harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2145	Suicide Prevention
Board Policy 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
Board Policy 3210	Nondiscrimination
Board Policy 3231	Student Records

Legal Resources:

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

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, July 2019

Policy and Legal News, December 2014

Policy and Legal News, December 2013

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 (February 2012)