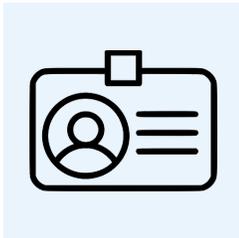


5 Things to Know About Supporting Trans Students



01

Use Names and Pronouns

Work hard to respect the name and pronouns that a student wishes to be referred to by - even when it changes. You will make mistakes; correct yourself and move on!



02

Keep Confidentiality

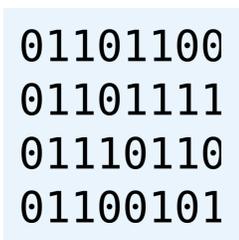
Never out a trans student to other staff, students, or their parents or guardians without their consent. Outing betrays the student's trust and it can put them in danger.



03

Stop Separating by gender

Stop separating students by gender. Even if there are no out trans students, many students are uncomfortable being assigned to groups by gender, or forced to choose between male and female groups.



04

Transition isn't binary

When a student comes out as trans or gender diverse, avoid assuming what that means to them, or what their goals of transition are. Not all students identify as male or female, or aim to transition from one binary to the other.



05

Follow students' lead

Students know their own needs best. If you are unsure how to accommodate a trans or gender diverse student, the best solution is to ask them - What bathroom do they wish to use? What sports team do they wish to play on? Who would they like to share a room with for overnight trips?

Educators are professionally and legally obligated to support trans and gender diverse students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12

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