

Supporting Our LGBTQ Students, Staff, and Families

Alberta Education recently created guidelines to help school districts support and protect LGBTQ students, staff and families.



PRIVACY and CONFIDENTIALITY

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WASHROOMS and CHANGE ROOMS

All students can use a washroom that meets their needs for privacy and comfort.

Students may ask to use a different washroom or change room for a number of reasons, including medical, religious, cultural, and gender identity. There are many ways we can meet their needs, depending on the situation and what kind of washrooms are in the building.



NAMES

Using a student's preferred name is an important part of helping them feel respected and supported.

The same is true of words like she/her, he/him or they/their. When a student wants to change their name or what they're called at school, we talk about it with them and their family.



OVERNIGHT TRIPS

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MORE QUESTIONS?

Please talk to your Principal or GSA Rep