



A Guide for Trans, Gender Nonconforming, and Nonbinary Students at Central High School



What are my rights as a trans, gender nonconforming, and/or nonbinary student?

[Policy 252](#) is the School District of Philadelphia's policy to "ensure safety, equity, and justice for all students regardless of gender identity or expression." You can read the policy at this link: bit.ly/policy252sdp

You have a right to change your name in our district's student information system without parental consent and without a court order. You have the right to be addressed by your pronouns. Keep in mind the following:

- Once your name is changed in the student information system, it will appear in all of the district's systems, including food services, transportation, and Google Classroom. There remains some risk that guardians/parents who receive communications from the school district may be alerted to the name change via mailings.
- If you wish to only change your name on Google Classroom, this is an option. If your guardian/parent has an email linked to your Google Classroom, any notifications they receive will display your chosen name.

You have the right to privacy, and this includes the right to keep one's transgender identity private at school.

School personnel should not disclose information that could reveal the transgender or gender non-conforming identity of a student, including to their parents or other school personnel without permission.

While schools should eliminate the practice of segregating students by gender to the extent possible, you have the right to be included in the group that corresponds to your gender identity.

You have the right to access the bathroom and locker room that corresponds with your gender identity. You may request to use a single stall restroom, although no student should be required to use such a restroom.

Who should I talk to at Central about a name or photo change?

Your counselor is the first point of contact for supporting you with a change of name or photo in the student information system. They will be able to put you in touch with the relevant people and forms.

Student Last Name	Counselor Name	Counselor Email
A-Di	Ms. Burnett Ms. Sharp	gburnett-ext@philasd.org (until mid November) asharp@philasd.org
Do-Ke	Ms. Chasan	erchasan@philasd.org
Kh-Mc + all IB	Dr. Soda	csoda@philasd.org
Me-Si	Ms. Hart	rrhart@philasd.org
Sk-Z	Mrs. Wardlaw	hwardlaw@philasd.org

Bathrooms can be terrifying. Where can I go?

If you would rather access a single stall bathroom, you may use the bathroom in the nurse's office or the bathroom on the right side of the gymnasium or the bathroom on the third floor outside of the cafeteria.

Who can I speak with if I have a concern?

In addition to your counselor listed above, you may contact any of the follow staff members:



Staff Member	Position	Email
Dr. Scott	Assistant Principal	tescott@philasd.org
Ms. Wesley	Director of Equity & Inclusion	ebwilliams@philasd.org
Mr. Palazzolo	LGBTQ+ Studies Teacher	npalazzolo@philasd.org
Mr. Fowler	LGBTQ+ Club Sponsor	mjfowler@philasd.org