

QUESTIONS?

Recognition of sexual orientation and gender identity aligns with the BC Ministry of Education initiative ERASE Bullying: Expect Respect and a Safe Education. erasebullying.ca

If you have questions regarding SOGI or specific programs that are available in your child's school, please contact your school principal or vice principal.



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SOGI Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity



Safe Schools - We All Belong

We strongly believe that our schools need to be safe and welcoming places for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background, and that everyone deserves to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves.

What is SOGI?

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) is a term used by the BC Human Rights Code to describe an area of prohibited discrimination.

SOGI is an inclusive term that encompasses all individuals regardless of where they identify on the sexual orientation or gender identity spectrums, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited, heterosexual, pansexual and cisgender.



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B.C. Human Rights Code

January 2016 - Select Standing Committee on Child and Youth Mental Health in BC names sexual and gender minority youth as particularly marginalized, vulnerable and in need of support and therefore calls for school districts and schools to recognize SOGI.

July 2016 - Gender Identity/Expression added to BC Human Rights Code

September 2016 - Ministry of Education directs all schools and districts to protect SOGI minority youth and release guidelines

October 2016 - Chilliwack School District Board of Education approves revised Policy 514 Safe Schools

October 2016 - Administrative Regulation 514.1 Safe Schools is revised

Fall 2017 - Chilliwack School District Codes of Conduct to recognize SOGI as per BC Human Rights Code

SOGI in Schools

There is no separate and distinct SOGI program or curriculum. Sexual orientation and gender identity are topics that are interwoven through several curriculum areas, most notably, physical and health education, language arts and social studies.

Topics are introduced to students dependent on the age and stage of their development and may also be discussed as they arise in their daily lives.

Extra-Curricular Supports in Schools

At some middle and all secondary schools in Chilliwack, LGBTQ, Gay/Straight Alliance, Social Justice, Acceptance and other extra-curricular clubs offer camaraderie, support and education for all youth. These clubs are sponsored by a staff member.

Next Steps for SOGI in our District

Fall 2017 - Board of Education to be updated regarding Strategic Planning and SOGI, curriculum connections and resources.

Fall 2017 - Partner with the Ministry of Education and participate in the BC SOGI Educator Network to create an environment of inclusive education in the District as per Safe School Policy 514.

Ongoing - Staff and parents will be provided updates on SOGI. The district will support parents via DPAC and PAC information sessions.