

## AB1266

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is the state and school district policy regarding students using the bathroom of their preferred gender?**

SFUSD Board Regulation R5163a (2003) and California Assembly Bill 1266, the School Success and Opportunity Act (2013) are educational policies that support students of all genders, and clarifies that students' access to educational facilities correspond to the student's gender identity.

Every student deserves to participate fully and succeed in school. But in many cases, students who are transgender are unable to participate because they do not feel safe to access the educational facilities or school activities required to be safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

SFUSD and California Educational policies allow SFUSD students to access facilities and activities that correspond to their gender identity or work with school staff to arrange alternate accommodations for additional privacy.

#### **Can students change their minds and use the bathroom of the gender they choose at any moment?**

Identifying as transgender is a process, and not a casual decision made in a moment. SFUSD Transgender and gender expansive students are at higher risk than other students for school truancy and becoming targets of violence. The process for discovering transgender identity can be uncomfortable and painful, and is a process. Many students struggle privately for a period before coming out to peers and school staff who they consider to be safe.

As transgender and gender questioning students come forward and seek support, SFUSD staff will work with them to ensure safe and appropriate accommodations so they can be safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

#### **Will girls and boys be using the same bathrooms in SFUSD in the future?**

SFUSD supports school sites following the movement to provide access to gender-neutral bathrooms to all students, regardless of gender, and that reflects the needs and character of the school community. As school sites move toward providing access to gender-neutral bathrooms, SFUSD will work with school site staff to implement an accessibility plan that works for all students.



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