

NJUHSD LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT FACT SHEET



Introduction

The Nevada Joint Union High School District (NJUHSD) is committed to safety, inclusion, affirmation and representation for all students, to include providing strong support for students and parents/guardians on topics related to LGBTQIA+ youth.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When and what are NJUHSD students taught about gender and sexuality?

The [California Healthy Youth Act \(Education Code 51933\)](#) requires “that school districts ensure that all pupils in grades seven to twelve, inclusive, receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education.” It requires that “instruction and materials shall teach pupils about Gender, gender expression, gender identity, and to explore the harm of negative gender stereotypes.” (EC 51933(d) (6). To ensure compliance with the law and California Education Code, NJUHSD provides secondary students with integrated and comprehensive sexual health education to ensure they possess the necessary knowledge and skills to create healthy, safe and positive relationships.

2. What type of medical care does the District provide LGBTQIA+ students? What does it *not* provide? Does NJUHSD provide medication that initiates gender transition for students?

Our district has Certificated Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses and Health Aides who provide basic first aid, manage health care plans and oversee emergency medical responses for all students. When needs arise beyond the scope of their role, health staff provide parents/guardians referrals to an appropriately licensed healthcare provider.

NJUHSD staff do not prescribe medication nor administer it without the authorization of a medical doctor and parent/guardian consent. Staff cannot provide a diagnosis or perform any medical procedures. Students and families seeking guidance for gender-affirming and all other medical needs are referred to their healthcare provider.

3. What mental health services does the District provide to students?

All students may visit their school counselor for short-term counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to Student Assistance Resources and Services (STARS) or appropriately licensed providers. The District also provides on-site Wellness Centers that students may visit. Students may also qualify for school-based counseling by licensed mental health providers. Students receiving Special Education Services may qualify for Educationally Related Mental Health Services at school. NJUHSD also refers students and families to mental health services using Care Solace.

4. Do students have the right to confidentiality when they identify as transgender?

In accordance with AB 1266, students have the right to keep their transgender status private and that right is grounded in federal and California anti-discrimination laws. Disclosing a student’s transgender status without their permission may violate California’s anti-discrimination law.

5. Can students change their name and/or pronouns? Can they do so without parent/guardian permission?

In accordance with AB 1266, also known as the “School Success and Opportunity Act,” students can change their name or pronoun/s without parent or guardian permission.

