

# AB 1266 – School Success and Opportunity Act

## FACT SHEET

### AB 1266

Assembly Bill 1266, the School Success and Opportunity Act, was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in August of 2013 and went into effect January 1, 2014. The Bill amends the California State Education Code to clarify the roles of school staff in working with students of all genders, and clarifies that students' access to educational resources shall correspond with the student's gender identity.

**Both state and federal law already prohibits discrimination against transgender students, and Fresno Unified School District unequivocally supports these policies.** Before the School Success and Opportunity Act, many districts did not understand how to fulfill their obligations to support these students.

Transgender and gender non-conforming youth face unique challenges and obstacles in schools that may inhibit a student's ability to learn. The School Success and Opportunity Act was written to provide these youth with equal access in all aspects of their education. It also helps schools across the state understand their obligation to provide a fair opportunity for transgender students to participate equally in all school programs, facilities and activities.

### PRIVACY

**Here at Fresno Unified, all persons, including students, have a right to privacy;** the right to decide when, with whom, and how much highly personal information one wants to share about oneself to others. This includes the right to control dissemination of highly personal and private information such as one's transgender status or sexual orientation.

### STUDENTS: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

#### Respect for Your Gender Identity

You have the right to assert your gender identity at school, regardless of your gender presentation. We recommend talking and working with your school if possible, especially if you transition while in school.

#### The Right to Be You

You have the right to be out about your gender identity at school.

#### Discrimination and Harassment of Transgender Students

All students have the right to be treated equally and to be free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination, regardless of gender identity or gender expression.

#### Privacy and Outing Students

You have the right to keep your gender identity private, which means that school staff cannot out you without your permission to other students or other school staff.

#### Names and Pronouns

You have the right to be addressed by the name and pronouns that correspond with your gender identity. This is true even if your name and gender are not legally changed. Your school should use your chosen name and pronouns on everything possible—your student ID, class attendance rosters, yearbook, and more. Your legal name should only appear on your official file.

#### Restrooms and Locker Rooms

Your school must allow you to use restrooms and locker rooms that align with your gender identity. If you desire more privacy and prefer to use a more private restroom or changing area, your school should accommodate that.

#### Sports

Your school must allow you to participate in PE and sports, consistent with your gender identity.

#### Dress Code and Uniform Policies

You have the right to wear clothing that expresses your gender identity.

**REMEMBER:** If you have an issue or need someone to talk to, do not hesitate to contact your principal or your school counselor. Also please see AR 5145.3 at: <http://www.fresnounified.org/board/policies/Pages/default.aspx>

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