Gender Inclusivity, Beyond the Bathroom

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Who are we ?



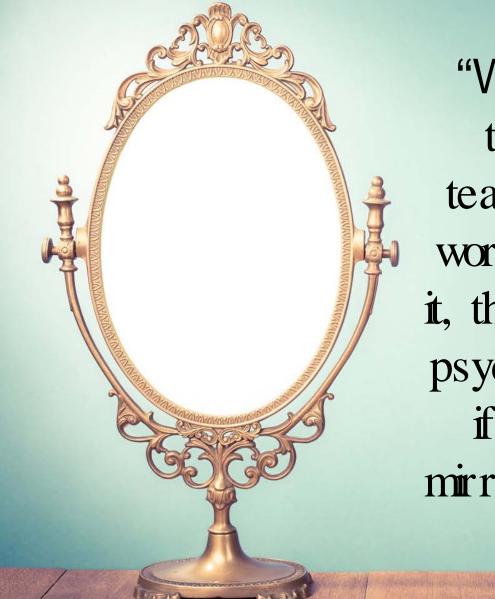






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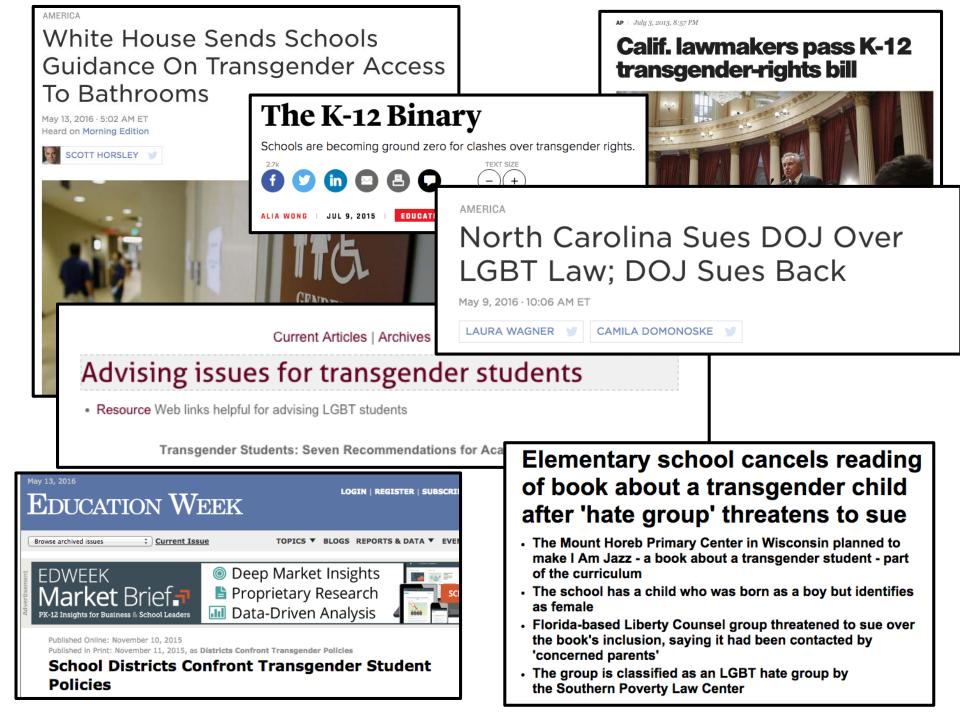
"When someone with the authority of a teacher describes the world and you're not in it, there is a moment of psychic disequilibrium, as if you looked into a mirror and saw nothing." -- Adrienne Rich



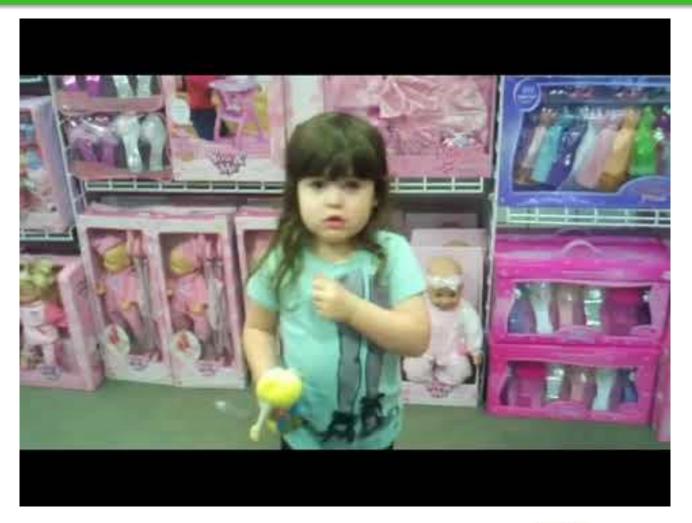
How & Why Are We Doing This Work?

- Meet people where they are
- Gender inclusion creates better learning conditions
- Kids who identify as transgender and gender-expansive really struggle
- Gender diversity is an equity issue
- Gender impacts <u>All</u> students!





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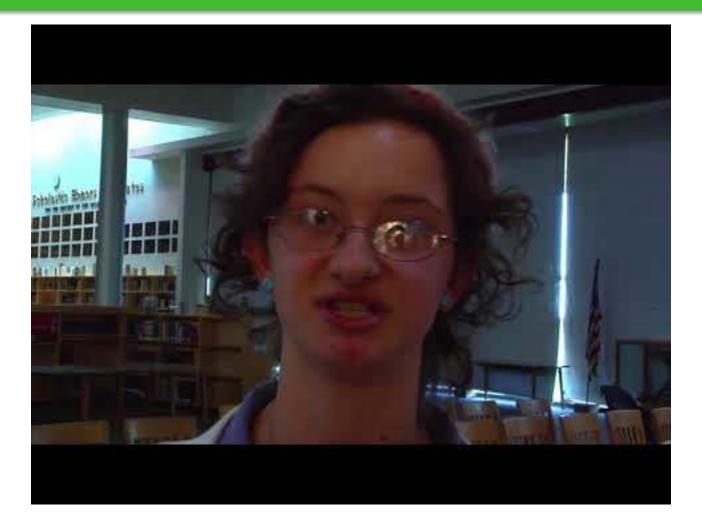


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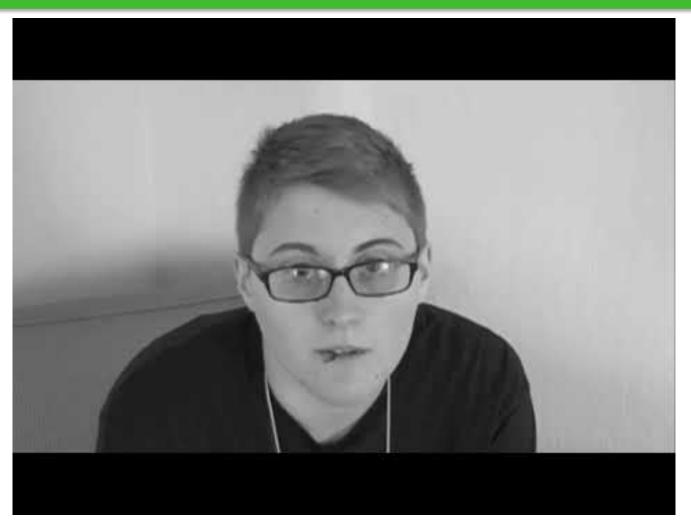


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"There's seven billion people, why should people fit into two different categories ...that's boring."

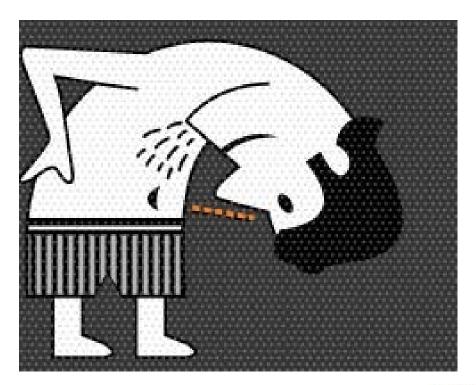


Today's Goals (Objectives)

- Reflect on our own beliefs about and experiences with gender
- Identify common terms and concepts for understanding and discussing gender
- Surface questions about and implications for gender inclusive work in our schools



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A new approach to parenting gender-fluid children. By Ruth Padawer

What's Wrong With A Girl Who Wears A Ball Cap?

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 Devon approaches you and shares that all of the other students keep asking, "Are you a boy or a girl?"



 Tanya is 16, and tells you that attending school as a girl has become impossible. Instead, Tanya changes clothes everyday on the way to and from the campus, and is now known at school as Tomàs. The school and other students have been supportive, but Tomàs does not want his parents to be informed.



 A neighbor approaches you at the grocery store and says, "I hear the school is letting boys use the girls' restroom now. What the heck is going on there, anyway?"



Hold onto your reflections as we discuss gender's complexity



Review & Consolidation

Why are we learning about gender?

How are all kids affected by gender?

What am I noticing is coming up for me? (questions, thoughts, concerns, comments)



Dimensions of Gender

Dimension 1



The Language of Gender





Three Essential Ideas

- 1. A person's experience of gender is informed by three dimensions:
 - » Sex/Body
 - » Expression = Gender
 » IDENTITY!
- 2. Each dimension is a spectrum
- 3. Gender and sexual orientation are different



Colorado State Anti Discrimination Policy

Colorado follows state anti-discrimination and civil rights laws and guidance. In 2008, Colorado passed a law (S.B. 08-2000) expanding prohibitions against discrimination. The law calls out the need to protect all regardless of "disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, or ancestry" in all places of public accommodation.

This law defines sexual orientation as "a person's orientation toward heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or transgender status or another person's perception thereof."

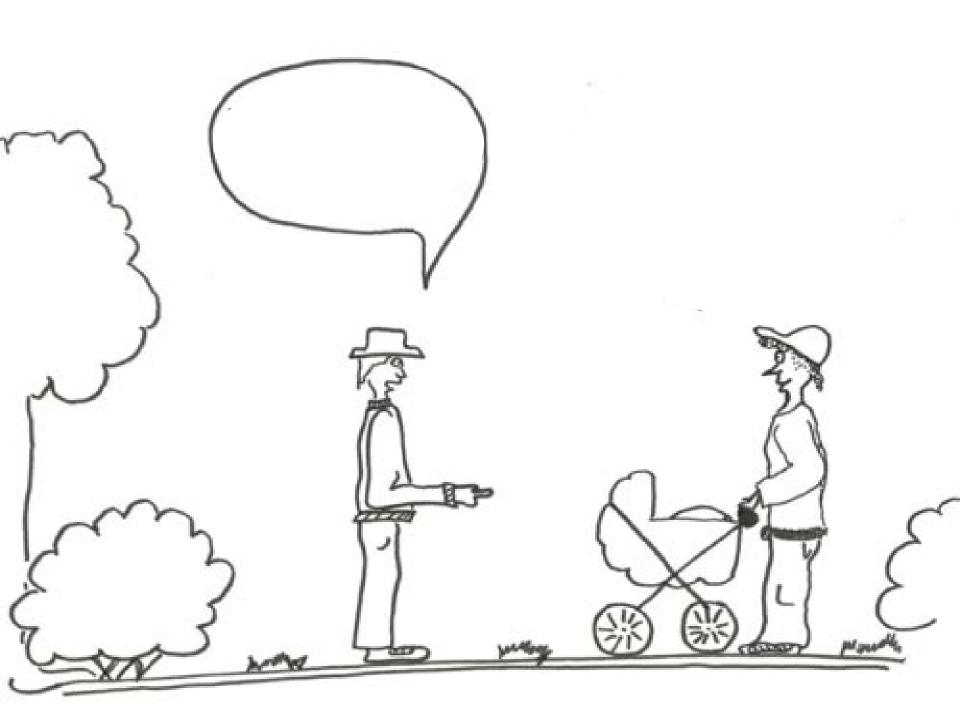


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Identity: the name we use for our gender based on who we internally know ourselves to be **Expression:** how we present our gender in the world and how society, culture, community, and family perceive, interact with, and try to shape our gender





Genitals "Assign Sex/Presume Gender"



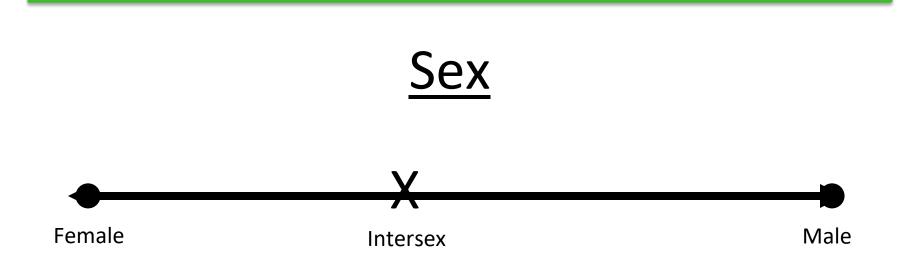


Gender Binary = two notions

There are only two sexes
 Sex = Gender



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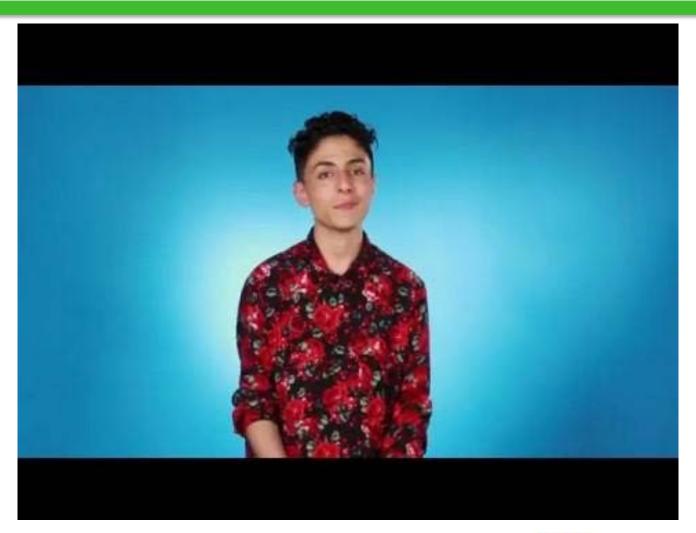
Clinical Guidelines

for the Management of Disorders of Sex Development in Childhood



Many physical differences connected with intersex conditions are invisible to the naked eye.

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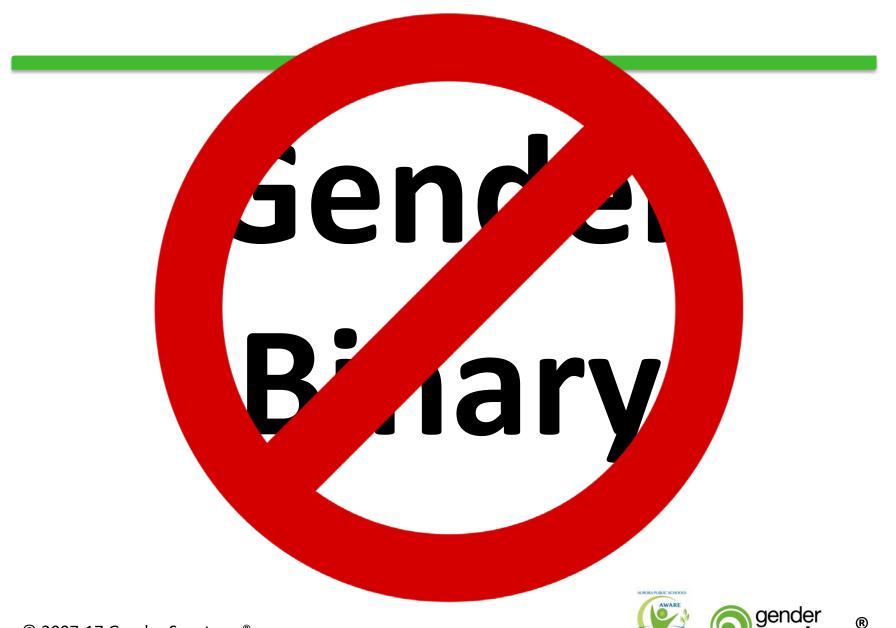




Biological variation is a naturally occurring phenomenon across most species

There are not just two sexes.







Body is just one of the dimensions of gender.



Body
 Expression
 Identity

Boy



Review & Consolidation

DRAW!!!

Draw a quick sketch that represents the binary system of gender.

Draw a quick sketch that represents sex/body in a more inclusive way than the binary.

Talk to a partner about how your understanding of gender has changed after learning about this dimension of gender (or something that was a valuable reminder).



Dimensions of Gender

Dimension 2



Human Expression (Gender-ed)

- Presentation

- Clothing
- Hair
- Mannerisms
- Accessories

- Expectations

- "Gender Role"
- Behaviors
- Interests
- Styles of play



Expression = Presentation





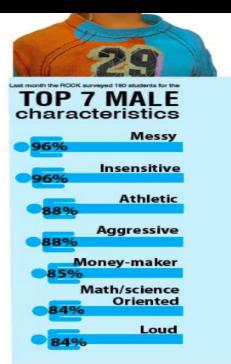
<u>Binary messages and images of</u> <u>gender expression are</u> <u>everywhere!</u>



The Gender Box for Men



Emotional, Soft, Weak, Have feelings, Vulnerable, Cry, Need help, Expressive, Passive...feminine.













ALL 23 FLAVORS JUST 10 MANLY CALORIES



IT'S NOT FOR WOMEN.

Welcome gentlemen, to the manliest tab on Facebook. A lady-free zone of rugged, macho, hair-on-your-chest

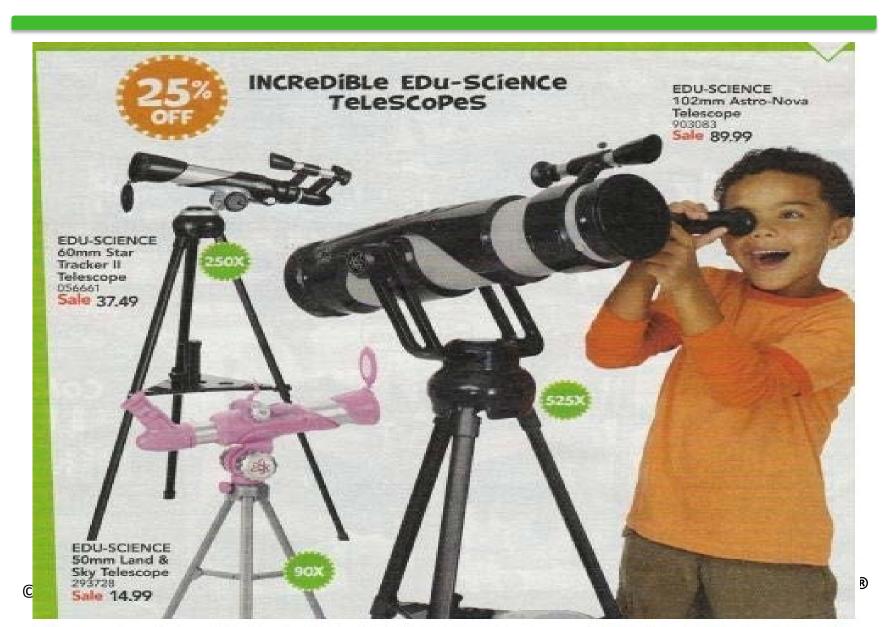
Unity 14% of the characters in films depicted in STEH (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Hathematics)

careers are women.

In real life, 17% of chemical engineers, 22% of environmental scientists, 37% of database engineers, 46% of biological scientists, and 78% of clinical laboratory technologists are women.

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It gets a mere fraction of the magnification. And costs less too!

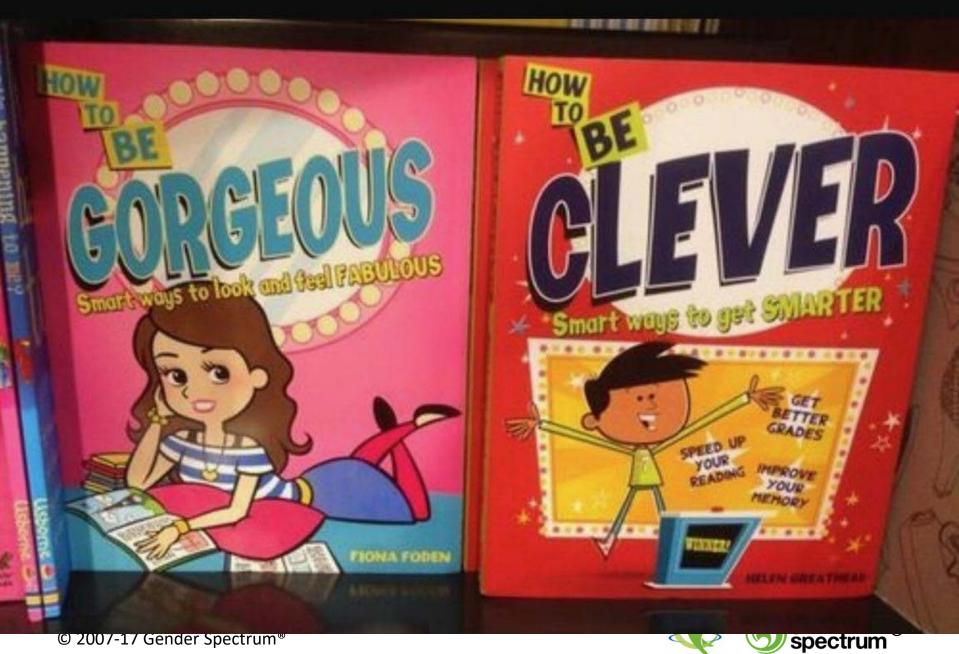


Here's a "diamond ring" for a "sweet baby girl" and a "saw" for a "busy baby boy."











What happens when someone doesn't fit in with those ideas?





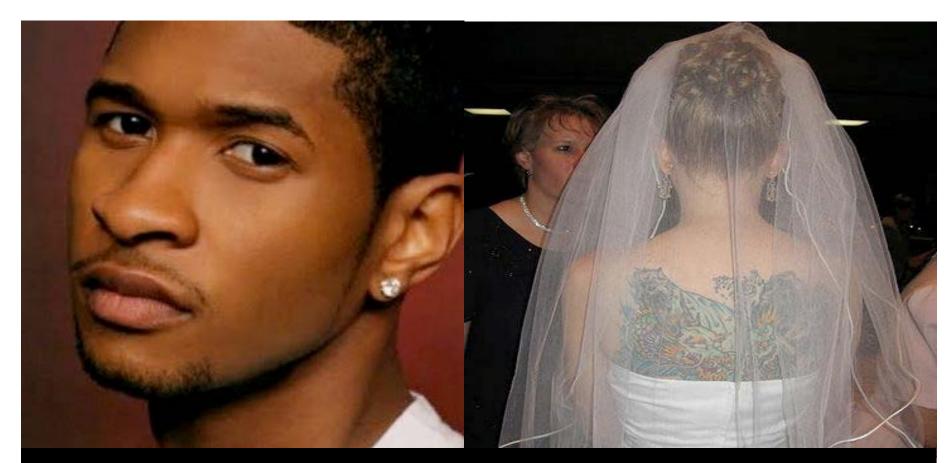
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Throughout time, and from one culture to another, gender expression norms constantly are changing

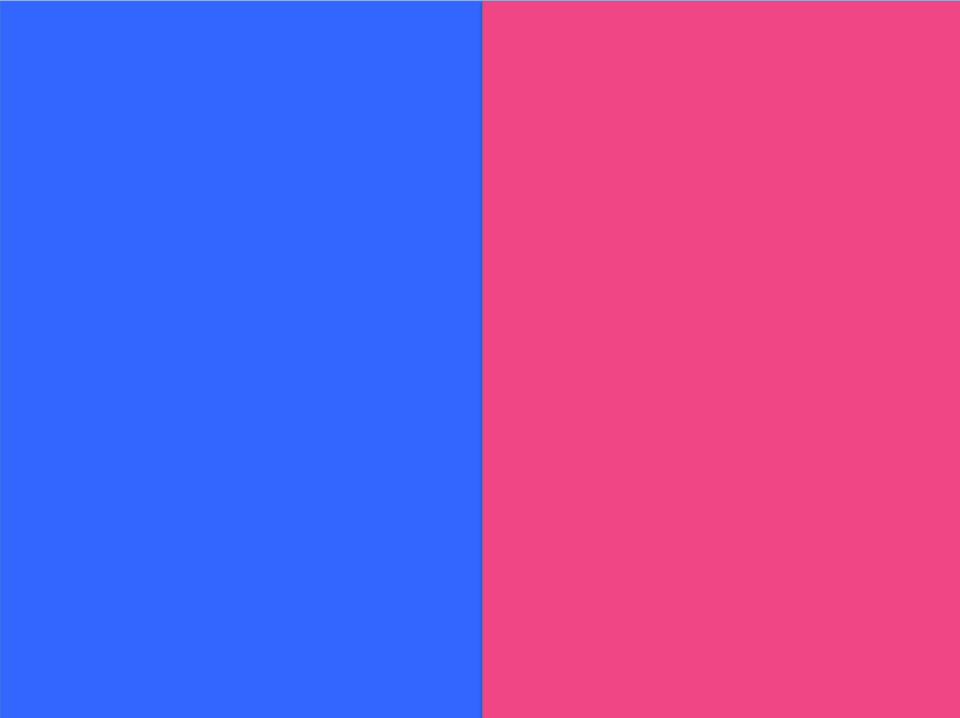




Norms around gender expression change over time & across cultures!







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A Young boy in 1870

Expression = Context



Patterns

vs. Rules



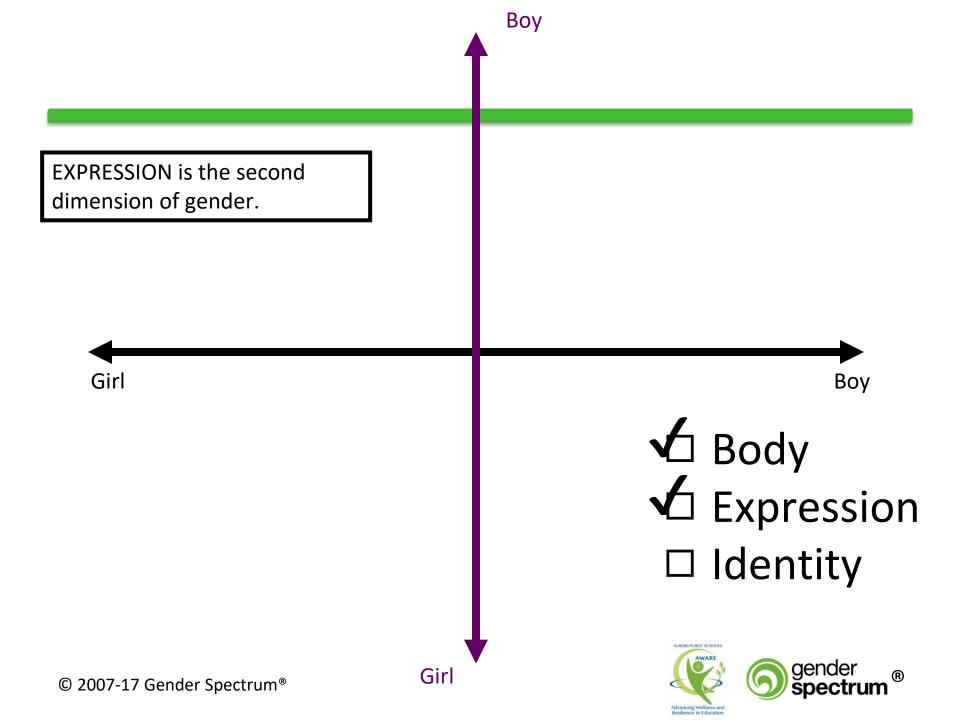
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Review & Consolidation

Think about someone who expresses themselves outside the stereotypically masculine or stereotypically feminine cultural patterns. This could be you, someone you know personally, one of your students, or even a celebrity.

- 1. Draw or google an image that shows this person's gender expression (hair, clothes, interests, toys, etc.)
- Show this image to a partner and talk about what assumptions people might make about this person based on their expression and what obstacles that may cause.



Dimensions of Gender

Dimension 3



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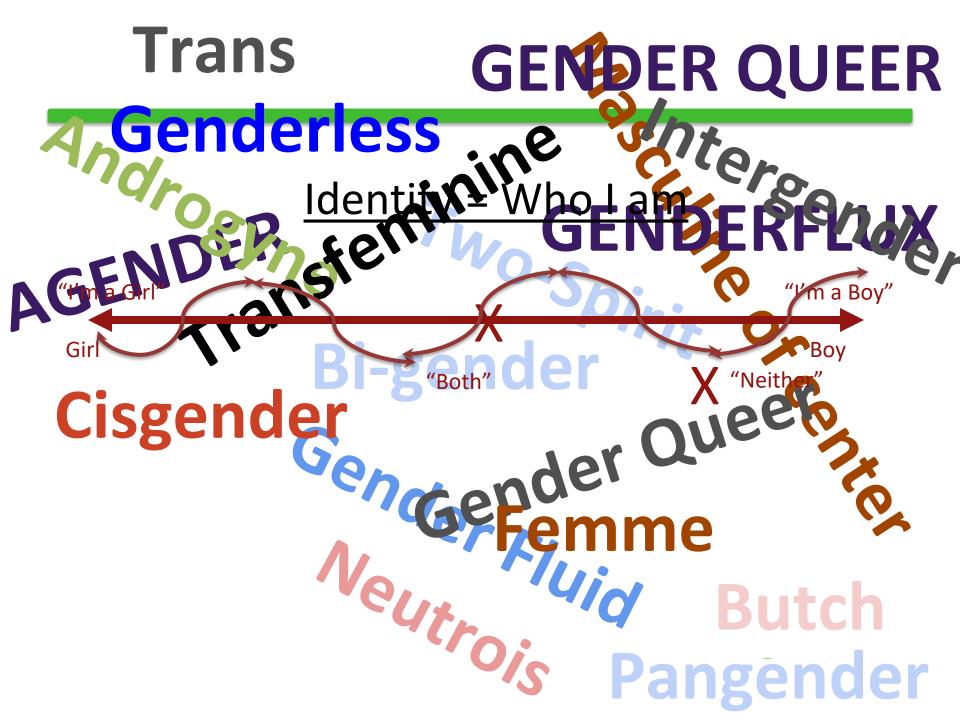
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<u>Identity = Core Sense of Self</u>







When Did You Know?

- When did you realize what your own gender was?
- How did you know?



Gender Identity Is Established Early

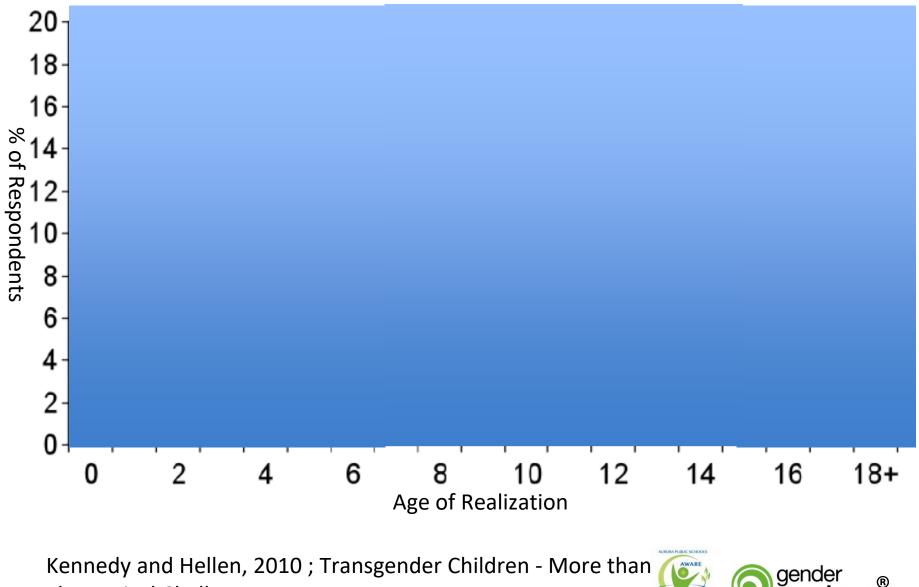
By age four, most children have a stable sense of their gender identity.

--American Academy of Pediatrics (2015)

This is true for all kids, regardless of their gender identity.

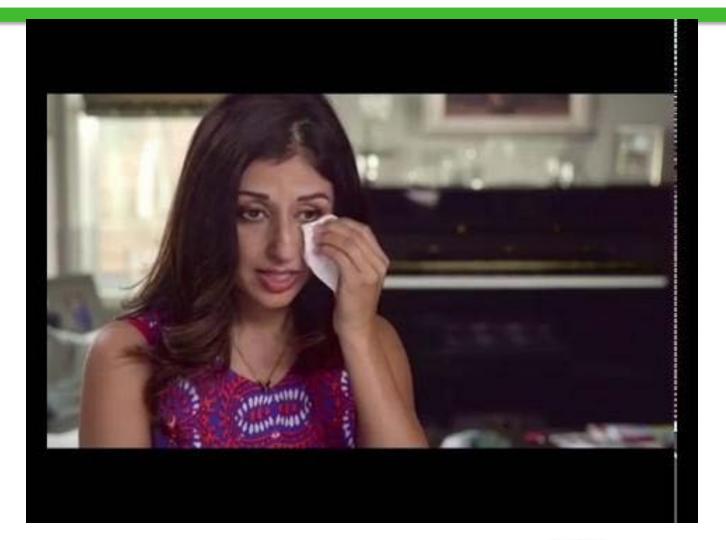


Transgender Adult Survey: Age of Realization



Theoretical Challenge

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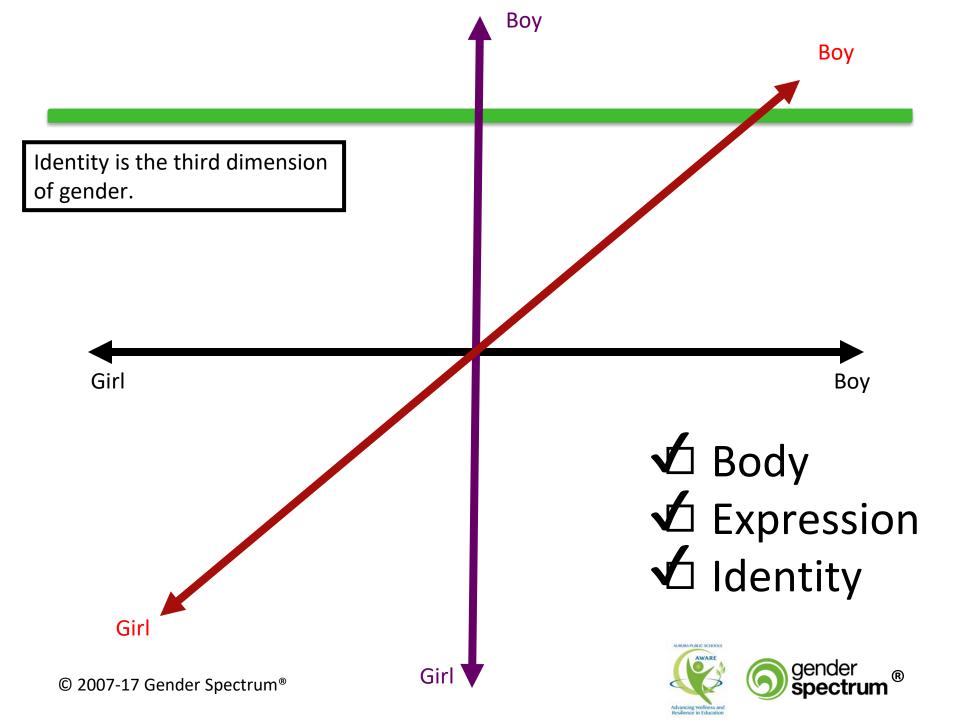
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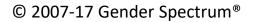
Draw a picture that represents what you now know about the third dimension of gender: GENDER IDENTITY

Share your picture with a partner and discuss 1) what surprised you about gender identity, or 2) what struck you emotionally about gender identity



Body Expression = Gender Identity Experience

Sexual Identity: Refers to a person's physical and emotional attraction to others





Gender in 3-D

 How do these dimensions work together?

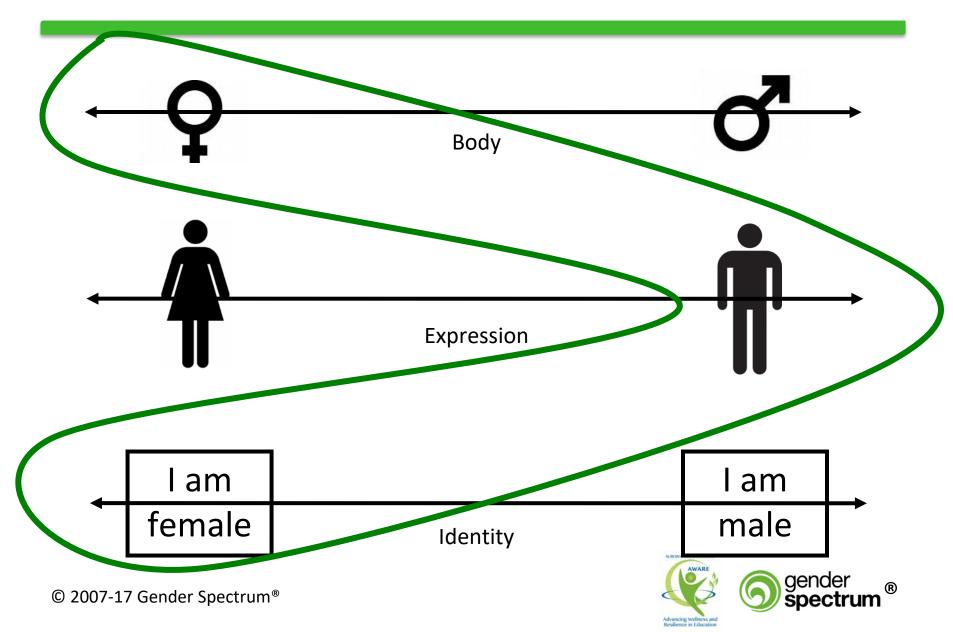


"Cisgender" and "Genderqueer" Added to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

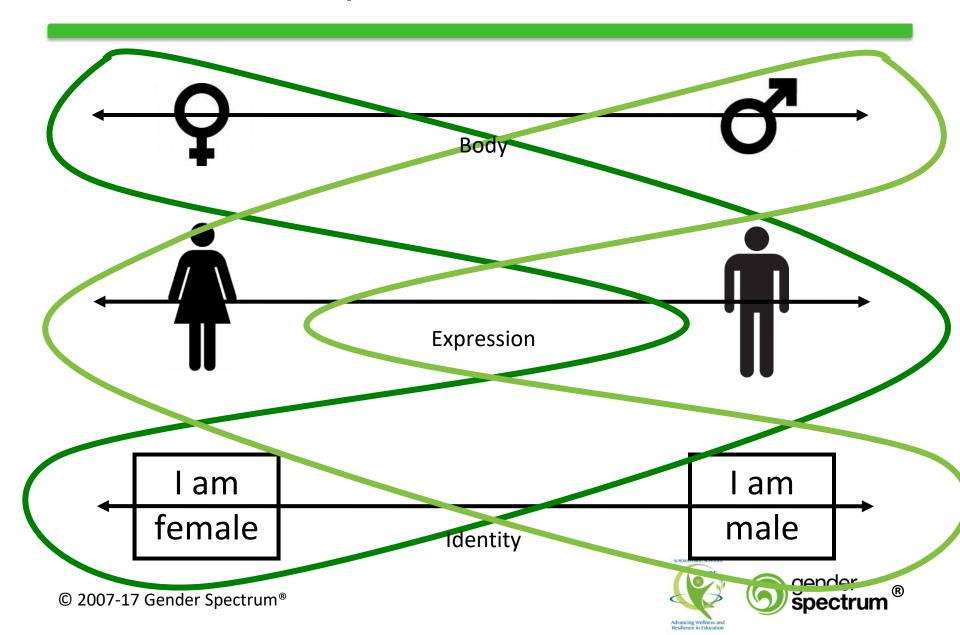
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Tomboy



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Children who are Transgender

"Every day she would come home, go upstairs, change into a skirt or dress, and then come back downstairs and start reading or doing her homework. She wasn't playing; it was like she was putting her slippers on."

-Mother of a daughter who is transgender



Transgender Children

Persistent Consistent Insistent!



Persistent, Consistent & INSISTENT!!



A transgender teen reflects on his experiences of gender growing up...

Quite simply, students who identify as transgender are not making it up.

It Might Be Years Before TG/NB Youth Discuss It



Average Age of Disclosure

10th Gr.

15.5

Savage & Lagerstrom (2015)







Beyond the Binary

Gender, Culture, and Non-binary Identities

Aayahkwew (Cree) Akava'ine (Cook Islands Māori) Ashtime (Ethiopia) Bakla (Tagalog) Calalai/ Calabai (Sulawesi) Fa'afafine (Samoa) Fakaleiti (Tonga) Femminielli (Naples) Guevedoche (Dominican Republic) Hijra (Persian) la (Te Reo Maori) Kathoey (Thai) Khanit (Oman) Kothis (India/Pakistan) Kwolu-aatmwol (Papua New Guinea) Lakin on (Philippines)

Mahu vahine (Tahiti) Mahu wahine (Hawaii) Mangaiko (Congo) Mashoga (Kenya) Muxe (Mexico) Nyahs (Malaysia) onón:wat (Kanien'keha/Mohawk) Sipiniq (Inuktitut) Sworn virgins (Balkans) Tomboy (Philippines) Travestis (Brazil) Two Spirit (Native American) Waria (Indonesia) Whakawahine (New Zealand Māori) Xanith (Oman)

We-Wa, a Zuni two-spirit, weaving - Click To E

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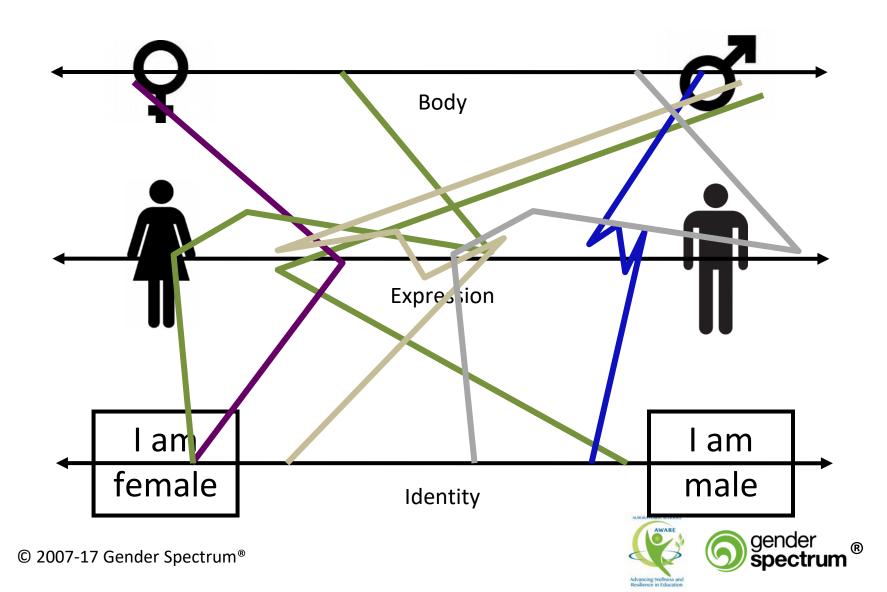
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Non-binary Genders



Pluto and the Language of Gender





We started here...



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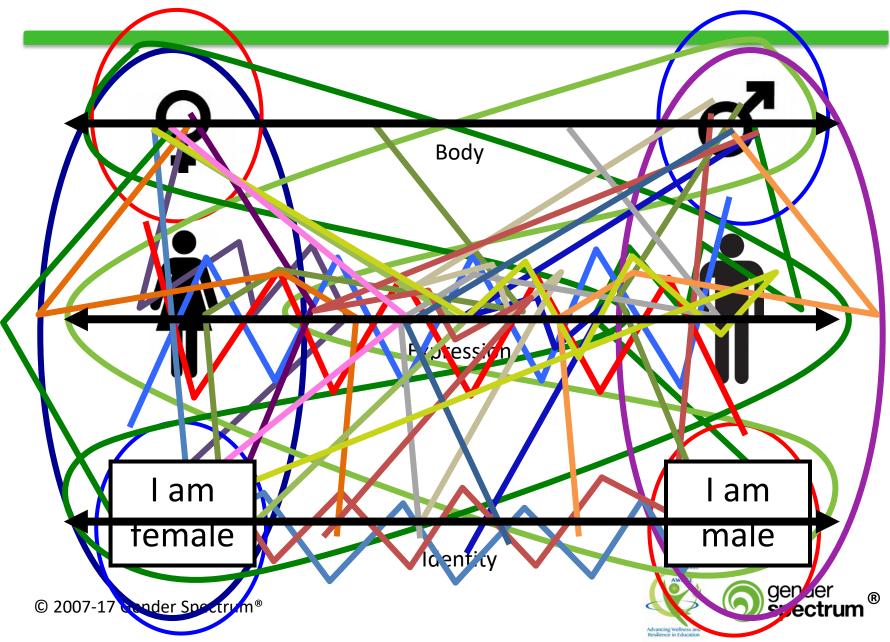
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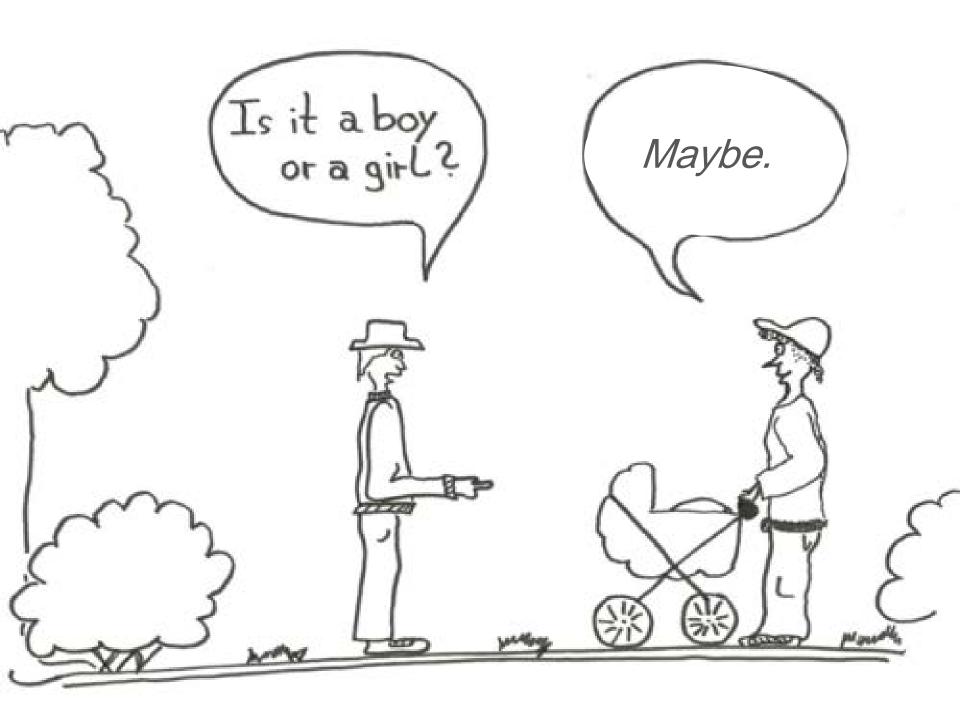


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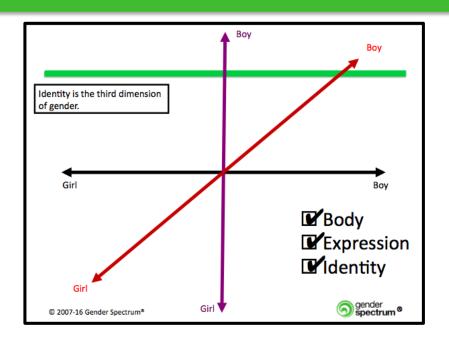


Complex, but not complicated...





Discussion



- What questions or comments do you have about these three dimensions of gender?
- Do they make sense to you?





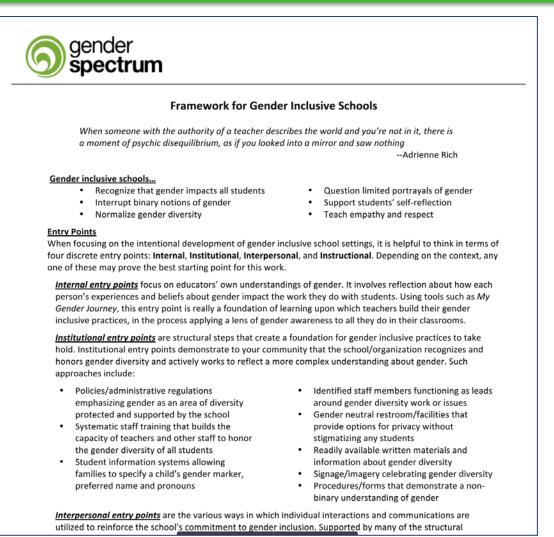






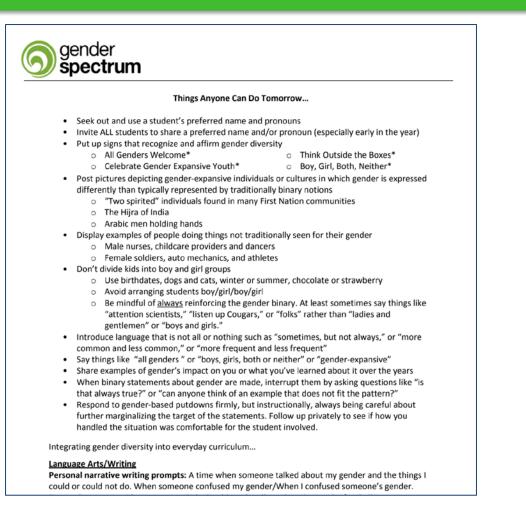


Framework for Gender Inclusive Schools - Entry Points



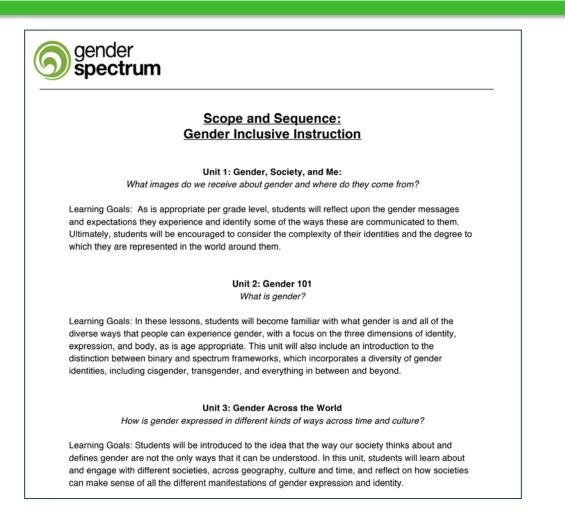


Things Anyone Can Do Tomorrow





Overview of Lessons





Responding to Concerns - Scenarios

gender spectrum

Responding to Concerns: Teaching about Gender

Why should my child learn about gender at school?

- School is a place where children are taught to respect one another and to learn to work together
 regardless of their differences. Learning about gender diversity is part of that work. Creating a
 more tolerant, inclusive, and accepting school environment teaches all children to recognize and
 resist stereotypes. We teach children to stand up for others, to resist bullying, and to work
 together.
- We also know that many children whose gender is seen as different than what is expected of them can face very difficult circumstances. Too often teasing, bullying, and violence are common experiences for a gender-expansive child. A growing number of school districts and states (17 as of 2014) specifically prohibit bullying and harassment of students based on gender expression or identity. Furthermore, various federal, state and municipal laws protect students from discrimination because of their gender. Proactive education and training to help students understand gender diversity more fully helps school districts meet those legal obligations while working to create a safer, more supportive learning environment for all students.

Isn't my child too young to be learning about gender?

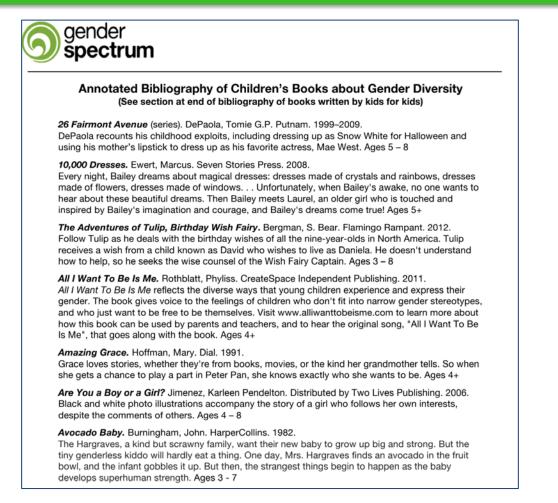
- Children are already learning about it. Messages about gender are everywhere, and children
 receive very clear messages about the "rules" for boys and girls, as well as the consequences for
 violating them. By learning about the diversity of gender, children have an opportunity to explore
 a greater range of interests, ideas, and activities. For all children, the pressure of "doing gender
 correctly," is greatly reduced, creating more space for them to discover new talents and interests.
- Whether in or out of school, children will encounter other children exhibiting wide ranges of
 gender expression. This is normal and, with a little reflection, we can all recognize it as something
 we encountered during our own childhoods. Tomboys or shy, sensitive boys are commonly
 recognized examples of children who buck societal expectations of gender expression. These
 children, and all children, deserve a safe, supportive learning environment in which they can
 thrive and empower themselves.

If you are talking about gender, aren't you discussing reproduction and sexuality?

The simple answer is "no." When we discuss gender, we talk about what people like to wear, the
activities they engage in, and how they feel about themselves. This is not sexuality. Sexuality
involves physical intimacy and attraction. Gender is about self-identity. Gender identity is a
person's internal sense of where they fit on the gender spectrum. This includes all kids, "typically"
gendered or not

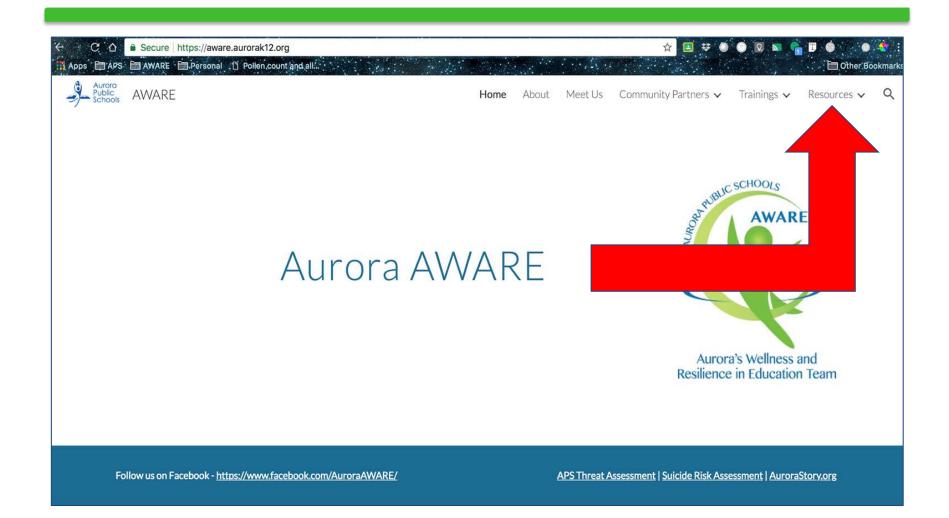


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