

The Trans Bill of Education Rights

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1. The right to attend schools free of verbal and physical harassment, where education, not survival, is the priority.
2. The right to fair and accurate information about gender identity in textbooks and other classroom materials.
3. The right to unbiased information about the past and the present contributions of transgendered and transsexual people in all subject areas, including art, literature, science, sports and history.
4. The right to positive role models, both in person and in the curriculum; the right to accurate information about themselves, free of negative judgment and delivered by trained adults who not only inform transgendered and transsexual students, but affirm them.
5. The right to attend schools where respect and dignity for all students, including transgendered and transsexual students, is a standard set by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, supported by boards of education, and enforced by every principal and classroom teacher.
6. The right to be included in all support programs that exist to help teenagers deal with the difficulties of adolescence.
7. The right to legislators who guarantee and fight for their constitutional freedoms, rather than legislators who reinforce hatred and prejudice.
8. The right to a heritage free of debilitating self-hate and unchallenged discrimination.