

Diocese of Steubenville

Policies regarding Transgender Students in Catholic Schools

1. In Catholic schools of the Diocese of Steubenville, all curricular and extra-curricular activity is to be rooted in, and consistent with, the principles of Catholic doctrine.
2. Catholic schools, and individuals employed with Catholic schools, shall not sponsor, facilitate or host such organizations, events or activities that would promote views contrary to Catholic doctrine regarding human sexuality and gender, either on or off the school campus, or through social media.
3. Students enrolled in Catholic schools who suffer from gender dysphoria shall be treated with sensitivity, respect, mercy, and compassion.
4. The sexual identity of students enrolled in Catholic schools shall be in accordance to the student's biological sex, as determined by an original state issued birth certificate (or an official copy thereof).
5. Catholic schools shall:
 - a) Require that participation on/in school athletic teams and all other school sponsored extracurricular activities, where applicable (i.e., school dances) be in accordance with biological sex.
 - b) Require that the use of names and pronouns be in accordance with the person's biological sex.
 - c) Designate Catholic sex education, school and athletic uniforms, and appropriate dress, bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and sleeping accommodations on trips according to biological sex.
 - d) Maintain names in school records according to the student's biological sex.
 - e) Provide reasonable accommodation to a private bathroom for use by any student who desires increased privacy.
6. In the case of a specific request, the school shall consider in a compassionate way, on a case-by-case basis, the physical and psychological needs of a student based on the following questions:
 - a) What is the specific request of the student and/or parent?
 - b) Is the request in keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church?
 - c) Is the school reasonably able to accommodate the request?

Schools shall make a reasonable effort to inform and instruct school personnel, parents, and students (where appropriate) concerning these policies.