



GENDER + SEXUALITY GLOSSARY - GRADES 6-8

AGENDER

Not identifying with a particular gender

AROMANTIC

A person who does not feel the desire for romantic relationships

ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Medical procedures and medications that help people become pregnant if they need assistance from their doctor and science.

ASEXUAL

A person who does not experience feelings of physical/sexual attraction toward others.

BI-GENDER

Identifying with two genders.

BI-SEXUAL

A person who has feelings of physical and/or emotional attraction for more than one gender.

BODILY AUTONOMY

The concept that a person's body is their own and all people have the right to make decisions about their own body.

CISGENDER

An individual whose gender identity is the same as the sex they were designated at birth.

CONSENT

Permission for something to happen or an agreement to do something.

EMOTIONAL/ROMANTIC ATTRACTION

Romantic feelings for another person based on personality traits and an emotional connection.

GAY

A person who feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward a person of the same gender (for example: when a person who identifies as a man feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward other people who identify as men).

GENDER BINARY

The cultural concept that male (masculine) and female (feminine) are the only genders.

GENDER EXPRESSION

The external expression of one's gender identity, which can include appearance, behavior, voice, etc.

GENDER-FLUID

A gender-fluid person can identify as multiple genders and feel more like one or the other at different points in time; they can also identify as genderqueer.

GENDER IDENTITY

A person's sense of what gender(s) (if any) they identify with. This is a person's internal sense of their gender — who they are in their heart and their mind relating to their gender.

HETEROSEXUAL

A person who feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward a person of the “opposite” gender. *Example* - when a person who identifies as a man feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward people who identify as women.

INTERSEX

A person born with sex chromosomes, genitals, and/or reproductive organs that differ from the genitals, sex chromosomes and reproductive organs typically seen in people who are assigned male or female at birth.

LESBIAN

When a person who identifies as a girl/woman feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward people who identify as girls/women.

MISGENDER

Referring to a person using a gender pronoun they do not identify with.

NON-BINARY

A person who does not fully identify as strictly male or strictly female.

NUDES

Nude images or video sent/received electronically (text, social media, DM, etc.)

PANSEXUAL

A person who feels physical and/or emotional attraction toward other people regardless of their gender, gender identity or sex assigned at birth.

PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

Feelings for another person based on their physical qualities: appearance, gender, and expression.

PRONOUNS

The terms a person feels best express their gender identity (he/him, she/her, they/them, etc.)

SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH

The sex a person is assigned at birth based on their genitals.

SEXTING

Messages sent/received electronically (text, social media, DM, etc.) that are sexually explicit.

SEXUAL CONSENT

A mutually agreed upon, enthusiastic agreement between partners for a specific sexual activity to take place (including kissing).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

A person's identity in terms of the gender of the people they are physically or emotionally attracted to.

TRANSGENDER

Describes people who have a gender identity that is different from their sex assigned at birth.