How welcoming is YOUR classroom?

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Setting the TONE

How would you summarize your 1st day speech to your classes?

You have the right to feel physically and emotionally safe in my classroom.

Topics to Address Be Specific and Give Examples

- Respect both ways
- "Can I talk to you?"
- What make me angry
- No racial slurs, religious slurs, retarded, homophobic slurs, transphobic terms, gender insults
- No sexual harassment
- No physical harassment

Flirting: It is **welcomed** attention. It goes both ways, and both people enjoy it. It doesn't make you feel bad.

SO......Is it flirting or sexual harassment?

Students believe the problem is that... "Adults think they are just having fun"

SOLUTION

- Stop assuming people are couples or just playing.
- Intention doesn't matter, please still address the issue.
- The worst thing that can happen with intervention is that you are wrong.

Additional Strategies

- Teach to ALL not just athletes
- Consider student growth
- Ask permission
- Uniform exceptions
- Learn their Name!
- Be flexible you have bad days too.

- Don't separate boys and girls
- Don't call them out in front of others
- Be willing to "read the room"
- Examine how your bias or socialization impacts your teaching, behavior and expectations

BELIEFS BEHAVIORS RESULTS

What is the DOMINANT NARRATIVE about P.E. TEACHERS?

What is the TRUTH?

What is YOUR DOMINANT NARRATIVE about YOUR students?

(appearance, race, perceived sexuality, gender, perceived gender identity, etc...)

What is the TRUTH?

DYS CONSCIOUSNESS

How are your students impacted by YOUR implicit bias?

Bias is in the air we breathe, so challenge yourself - choose to be conscious to how you have been SOCIALIZED.

(Beliefs - Behaviors - Results)

Like A Girl



The Mask You Live In



"LIKE A GIRL"

"BE A MAN"

Quiet

Polite

Passive

Nice

Not bossy

Not too sexy

Not sexual - one partner

Emotional

Can't be too athletic

Long hair

Skinny

No emotions

Strong

Leader

Take control

Lots of sexual encounters

Abs

Muscles

Love sports

Athletic

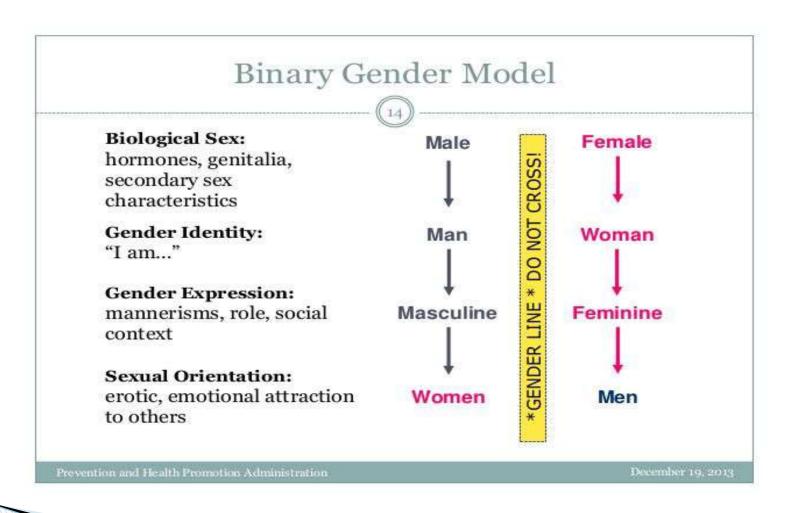
Short hair

Heterosexual

GENDER ROLES

- Who determines these gender roles?
- What happens if someone "steps" out of the box?
- How can they impact self-esteem?
- How are they reinforced in YOUR classes?

Gender Equity Policy and Procedure



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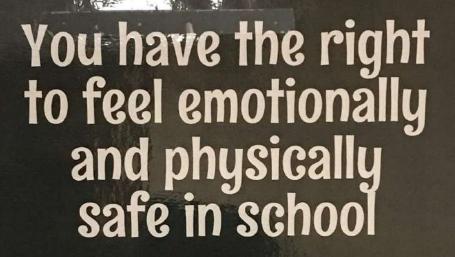
- What are your school's procedures for locker rooms?
- Pronouns?
- Bathroom use
- How do you get that information?
- How can you make your classroom feel welcoming to a gender non conforming person who is not out?

Questionnaire

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What is your takeaway?

How would you change your 1st day speech?



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