

The LGBTQ+ Student BILL OF RIGHTS

RESOLUTION

The YFOC LGBTQ+ Student Bill of Rights is aligned with California Ed Code and provides a model for creating LGBTQ+ positive, affirming and protective classrooms and campuses. The Resolution calls for school districts to:

1. Develop a district-level leadership LGBTQ+ Liaison who will direct matters related to the safety and wellbeing of all students, specifically those in the LGBTQ+ community, and
2. Establish an LGBTQ+ Task Force to provide implementation and oversight for applicable laws and associated LGBTQ+ affirming and protective programming, and
3. Dedicate funding for services, trainings, resources, and events that intentionally create safe and welcoming schools for LGBTQ+ students.

MISSION

Youth First Orange County (YFOC) advocates for safe, inclusive, and discrimination-free schools for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) students. We are working to protect LGBTQ+ students' rights to a free and appropriate public education, in safe and supportive school climates, without harassment or discrimination, in which they can reach their full potential.

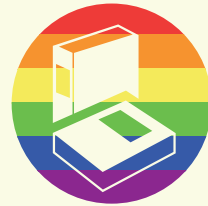
MOTIVATION

Recent data from the California Healthy Kids Survey* revealed that schools are failing to support dignity and educational access for over 15,000 LGBTQ+ students in Orange County. Anti-LGBTQ groups target our districts to prevent the implementation of inclusive and affirming school policies and curriculum mandated by California law and many of our schools remain unsafe places for LGBTQ+ students, undermining their ability to learn and achieve. These conditions can lead, and have led, to adverse psychological and physical health outcomes, life-threatening violence and suicide.

SUMMARY OF BILL OF RIGHTS



Staff and school communities who are informed and proficient about CA Ed Code and on how to understand and support LGBTQ+ youth;



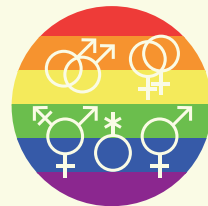
Unbiased curriculum that provides fair, accurate, inclusive and respectful representations of LGBTQ+ people in all subject areas;



Comprehensive and inclusive sexual health education;



Safe and welcoming school climate; and



Freedom from discrimination including policies that acknowledge and respect LGBTQ+ stated gender identities and protect the expression of LGBTQ+ identities.