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 IICA-AR: Field Trips & Special Activities
 Received by 5:00 p.m. January 24, 2023

Public Comment:	Submitted by:	Bend-La Pine Schools Notes:
<p>On page 2, under supervision, fourth bullet point down; I strongly recommend that this policy be rewritten with more specific cabin/room placements for both adults and students. You should NOT pass this policy as it is written in the draft 1/10/2023. The way it is rewritten is unsafe and possibly mentally damaging for children that would be on that field trip.</p>	<p>Katrina Turbyne</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education’s Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>Putting students in a cabin with possible transgender counselors or adult chaperones is a disaster waiting to happen. You need to consider the physical, emotional and social well being of these kids. This is an open opportunity for predators to take advantage of. The 5th graders that go to Camp Tamarack are 10 years old and should not be exposed to this or made to feel uncomfortable or even left out of their trip if their parents are worried about this. All kids should be able to go and be in cabins with same biological sex counselors and adults for</p>	<p>Danielle White</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine</p>



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<p>everyone's safety and comfortability. Don't take this inclusivity piece so far that you completely throw out all common sense and safety for the sake of someone's feelings.</p>		<p>placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons."</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>This is the definition of insanity. As a female I would be highly uncomfortable with a person assigned male at birth, but identifying as a female being my chaperone. As a mom of two boys, I would not be comfortable with someone with a gender of female assigned at birth, but identifying as a male being in a cabin overnight or place where my children need to change. We cannot conform for a small number of people - this is not realistic. We need to stop looking to accommodate for a small population while making the majority feel uncomfortable or suffer.</p>	<p>Kayla Adams</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: "Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons."</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>



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<p>Assigning rooms based on gender identity is placing our children in danger! My child will never be allowed to go on a over night trip with the school if this is enforced. Our children's safety should be your first priority! No man or boy should be bunking with my 11 year old daughter! ll</p>	<p>Heather Scruggs</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: "Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons."</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>I believe the Bend LaPine school district is putting too much emphasis on gender identity. I don't think it is fare for girls and boys to have a cabin mate that "identifies" as the opposite gender then be required to all be together in the same cabin. What about the boys and girls who identify with their gender they were born with, do their feelings not matter anymore, what if they are uncomfortable? What is non-conforming, so one year a kid wants to be female and then the next they are back to male? We are confusing our kids when they should be allowed to just be kids and not have to identify as anything but being a kid. If this is important to Bend LaPine school district then I</p>	<p>Riley Dodge</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: "Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and</p>



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<p>propose kids who are transgendered be required to bunk together, and kids who identify with the gender they were born with be required to bunk together.</p>		<p>nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>Overnight trip chaperones, parents and students absolutely should NOT be assigned by gender identity!! That is not safe for anyone. My children will not participate or continue to be enrolled in Bend LaPine school district if this is the case. I have spoke to my children and they both have said they wouldn't feel comfortable or safe.</p>	<p>Jennifer Lester</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>To have chaperones, parents and students assigned to overnights by their gender identity is completely unacceptable. If Mr. B were to sleep in the same room as the 8th grade girls classes, the legal ramifications would be enormous. This is in</p>	<p>Dayne Lester</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course</p>



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<p>no way any different and or acceptable morally or legally. At this point in time any further action that goes against the values and cores of traditional education will be met with the full force of my legal teams.</p>		<p>offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>
<p>It is absolutely unacceptable to allow students and staff to share cabins/rooms with anyone of the opposite gender. If a person is confused about their birth given gender, they should be the participant that can exclude themselves if they are uncomfortable sharing a cabin with people of the same birth given gender.</p>	<p>Amelia Haug</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools</p>



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<p>I have strong feelings against assigning students to rooms or cabins based on their gender identity. I do not believe students can fully identify their gender and what revolves around that decision at ages where they would be requiring rooms or cabins or being chaperones for students. I will not allow my children to attend events, activities or field trips where their values are not considered nor is the concern for exposure to volunteers who may not be suitable for the position or present ideas that are better addressed at home, within the family unit where the space is safe and free of prejudice. I realize that opting my child out of such events will be available but it seems unfair that my child will be excluded based on our families beliefs and values. The idea of adopting this change is not inclusive of all beliefs or backgrounds.</p>	<p>Sara Bewley</p>	<p>(2023)</p> <p>Thank you for your feedback. Bend-La Pine Schools is committed to equal educational opportunities for every student of the district and will treat all students without discrimination as it pertains to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>IICA-AR states the following: “Staff shall determine placement of students, staff and chaperones based on the need for appropriate supervision and shall take into consideration the safety, security and wellbeing of all gender-conforming and nonconforming persons.”</p> <p>IICA-AR also aligns with Oregon Department of Education's Supporting Gender Expansive Students Guidance for Schools (2023)</p>