



TransAction!

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Gender Quests

1-2 Week Quests

- Have a discussion with a group of friends or your GSA or similar student club about Preferred Gender Pronouns (PGPs). PGPs are he/him/his, she/her/hers, zie/hir/hirs, they/them, or some people prefer to go by their name only. Discuss why it is important to not assume the pronouns that people prefer and why some people may not prefer the standard he/him/his and she/her/hers pronouns.
- Locate and read your school's Student Handbook searching specifically for protections based on gender identity/expression. Does your school have an anti-bullying policy that includes sexual orientation and gender expression? If you want to take an extra step, find your school district's policy book and search for these protections.
- Create a list of how many ways your school is gendered. Examples may include gender-based seating assignments, gender-based colors for graduation gowns, gender-based rules for prom and other dances. Discuss your findings with your GSA or similar student club meeting.

2-4 week Quests

- Organize a Gender 101 or Gender 201 workshop. Invite other clubs and perhaps encourage social studies teachers to invite their classes for extra credit. *To download a workshop curriculum, go to dayofsilence.org/transaction.*
- Organize a panel discussion on gender and transgender issues. Panelists can include a student, teacher, school counselor, local community activist, parent and supportive clergy person. Make sure your panel is diverse, represents various people within a school community and all panelists have a history of doing work on gender and/or transgender issues.
- Invite a speaker to come to talk at your school. Contact your local GLSEN chapter, LGBT center, local transgender organization or any other organization that does work on gender and transgender equality. Professors and students at your local colleges and universities are also great resources.

4 week and longer Quests

- Start a campaign for "gender expression" to be added to your school's anti-bullying policy. If one already exists, have an awareness-building event where you can alert your peers and those from other schools about the importance of this inclusive policy.
- Start a campaign to end one of the gender-based rules/policies at your school.
- Find your statewide LGBT organization and began volunteering with them. Advocate for trans visibility and put your efforts towards trans-inclusive policies. Perhaps you can attend one of their statewide lobby days!

