

## **New Westminster Schools – Policy 17 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)**

### **3. Self-Identification**

- 3.1** Individuals will have the right to self-identification, which includes the name by which they wish to be addressed and their pronoun of choice that corresponds to their gender identity.
- 3.2** Whenever possible and permitted by law, requests made by a student, or the parent/guardian, to change the student's official record to reflect their name and/or gender identity of choice will be accommodated.
- 3.3** Whenever possible, at the request of a student or of a student's parent(s)/guardian, the student's name and/or gender identity of choice will be included on class lists, timetables, student files, identification cards, etc.
- 3.4** Unless the student or the student's parent/guardian has specified otherwise, communications between school and home will use a student's legal name and the pronoun corresponding to the student's gender assigned at birth.

### **4. Confidentiality and Privacy**

- 4.3** Students have the right to discuss and express their gender identity and/or gender expression openly and to decide when, with whom, and how much private information to share will be respected.

### **8. Inclusive Learning**

- 8.1** Whenever possible, learning and curriculum resources regarding SOGI will emphasize universal human themes that acknowledge human diversity as an essential and enriching element of our society.
- 8.1.1.** Classroom materials and activities related to SOGI will contain positive images and accurate information about sexual and/or gender diversity, SOGI history and culture, which reflects accomplishments, contributions, and struggles of LGBTTTQ+ people.