Welcome to our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA+) webpage. The Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology is a welcoming and inclusive school community; this webpage has been created as a resource for educators, students, parents, guardians, caretakers, and community members to aid in the education of LGBTQIA+ topics.

**Disclaimer:**

The PCSST does not officially endorse organizations noted below. Everyone viewing these resources should understand that our purpose is attempting to create literacy, language and understandings that will assist our equity, access, social justice, and opportunity work.

Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology Transgender Policy


Transgender Student Guidance for School Districts

Transgender Guidance for Schools

2019 School Climate Survey for LGBTQ+ Students

Inquiry, definitions, education

Basic definitions of terms:

Glossary of LGBTQ terms

Expanded definitions of terms and concepts:

Glossary of terms-A resource from the Human Rights Campaign

Cisgender privileges:

List of cisgender privileges

Heterosexual privileges

examples-of-heterosexual-privilege/

How and why to respect pronouns:

GLSEN-Respecting pronouns

American Academy of Pediatrics LGBTQ+ Youth-Health & Wellness:

APP LGBTQ+ Youth Health & Wellness

NJEA LGBTQ+ Resources by age:

NJEA-LGBTQ+ Resources

IPM: Free online resource for social justice, gender, and sexuality

It's Pronounced Metrosexual (IPM)

How to make schools safer for all students:

Gay-Straight Alliances: Creating safer schools for LGBT Students

Parenting:

Gender Spectrum: Learn & Connect
“Parenthood is about raising and celebrating the child you have, not the child you thought you would have. It’s about understanding that they are exactly the person they are supposed to be and that, if you’re lucky, they just might be the teacher who turns you into the person you are supposed to be.”

– Joan Ryan

Garden State Equality: LGBTQ+ advocacy organization in New Jersey: Education-gardenstateequality.org

LGBTQ+ Issues in education:
Research and findings GLSEN.org for school age children

Reading lists:

Adults: Transgender reading list for adults
Children & Teens:
Pride 2021: LGBTQ Books for Kids by the Seattle Public Library
LGBTQ+ Early elementary book list created by Family Equality
Ohio University-LGBTQ Children’s books and timeline

Crisis:

The Trevor Project:
24/7 Assistance for LGBTQ youth

2nd floor Youth Helpline of NJ:
2nd floor 24-7 helpline

Crisis text line USA:
Country Wide 24-7 Crisis text line

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention:
AFSP 24/7 Hotline
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
24/7 National Suicide Prevention

Support Resources

New Jersey Department of Children & Family LGBTQ+ Resource Guide

TRIANGLE-NJ Resource guide for the LGBTQ+ youth

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.) PFLAG is the oldest and most known support resource and has chapters in every state. Online support and local in-person meetings. PFLAG Support Hotlines Highly has trained, experienced advocates offer compassionate support, crisis intervention information and referral services in over 170 languages

PFLAG.ORG

How to support LGBTQ+ Youth
LGBTQ+ Teens & Young Adults-Lambdalegal.org

Mothers of transgender children
Support group: Mothers of transgender children

Resources & materials for children: Story books & coloring pages
Reflection Press Books

Faith Based Resources:

GLAAD (formerly the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) is an American non-governmental media monitoring organization founded by LGBT people in the media GLADD

Reconciling ministries network works for justice for people of all sexual orientations and genders and especially within the United Methodist Church parents of LGBTQ+ children. Reconciling ministries-Methodist Church

Dignity USA
LGBTQ+ Catholics
List of faith-based organizations

**Strong Family Alliance**

**Institute for welcoming resources** is an ecumenical group is to provide the resources to facilitate a paradigm shift in multiple denominations whereby churches become welcoming and affirming of all congregants regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

**Welcoming Resources**

**Muslims for progressive values** affirm their commitment to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and we support full equality and inclusion of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in society and in the Muslim community.

**Muslims for progressive values USA**

**JQY (Jewish Queer Youth)** is a nonprofit organization supporting and empowering LGBTQ youth in the Jewish community. JQY fights to ensure the emotional and physical health and safety of these individuals, with a special focus on teens and young adults from Orthodox, Chasidic, and Sephardic communities.

**Jewish Queer Youth**

**Health Resources**

LGBTQ+ Health & Wellness Center at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

**New Bridge Medical Center-LGBTQ+ Wellness Center**

Robert Wood Johnson LGBTQIA Program

rwjbh.org/lgbtqia-program/

Robert Wood Johnson Proud Gender Center-New Brunswick

RWJ-Proud-gender-center-transgender-community-services
NYU Langone Gender-Sexuality Center
nyulangone.org/child-study-center/gender-sexuality-service

CHOP-Philadelphia
Gender-and-sexuality-development-program-CHOP Philadelphia

Institute for Personal Growth-NJ
ipgcounseling

**Teachers and Educators**

Understanding LGBTQ+ Identity

Understanding LGBTQ+ Identity: A Toolkit for Educators PBS

The Gender Wheel is a tool used to express the dynamic and infinite nature of gender

The-gender-wheel

Age-appropriate sexuality curricula for children, teenagers, young adults and adults published by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries. Currently being run in public schools, community centers and faith-based entities; designed for both secular community and public institutions as well as faith-based organizations.

Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education

Project Implicit: The mission of Project Implicit is to educate the public about bias & to provide a “virtual laboratory” to study bias & disparities.

Implicit Bias Test

NPR: Classroom inclusivity

Five ways to make classrooms more inclusive
Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s Welcoming Schools:

Human Rights Campaign Classroom Resources

Educator’s Resources by GLSEN including educator guides to improving classroom climate and inclusive lessons, also lesson plans on bullying prevention and diversity.

GLSEN-Educator resources

I’m From Driftwood aims to help LGBTQ people learn more about their community, straight people learn more about their neighbors and everyone learn more about themselves through the power of storytelling and story sharing.

LGBTQ+ Tool box: I’m from driftwood

Resources in Spanish:

Spanish & English: Conversando with Latinos

Conversando with latinos sobre LGBTQ+

¿Somos familia, Y ahora qué?

Somos Familia LGBTQ+

GLAAD-Para los padres y familia
glaad.org/familia

Recursos LATINIX  Gustavus Edu.

Guía de recursos-Gustavus Edu

Resources in Arabic:

Health Resources-Arabic

Michigan Forward in Enhancing Research and Community Equity-Arabic

Arabic LGBTQ+ National Immigrant Justice Center-Interpretation Guide Arabic
Arabic LGBTQ Terminology A Guide for NIJC Interpreters and Staff

LGBTQ+ resource guide by Pink Jinn

Essential-resources-on-lgbtqia-issues-in-the-middle-east/

LGBTQ+ Immigrants:

National Coalition-Resources for LGBTQ+ Immigrants