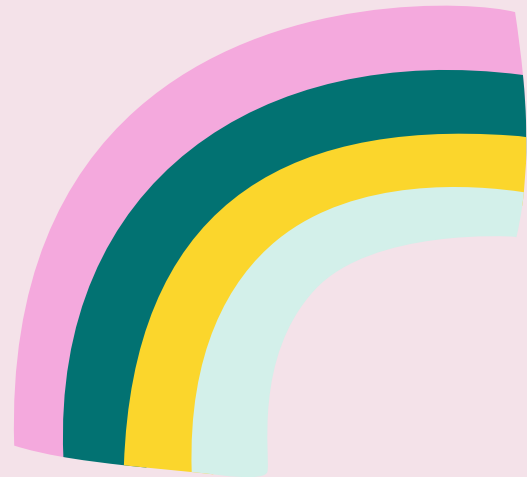




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Now What?



- Acknowledge what you do not know.
- Conduct a self assessment to examine your dispositional humility and cultural consciousness.



Now What?



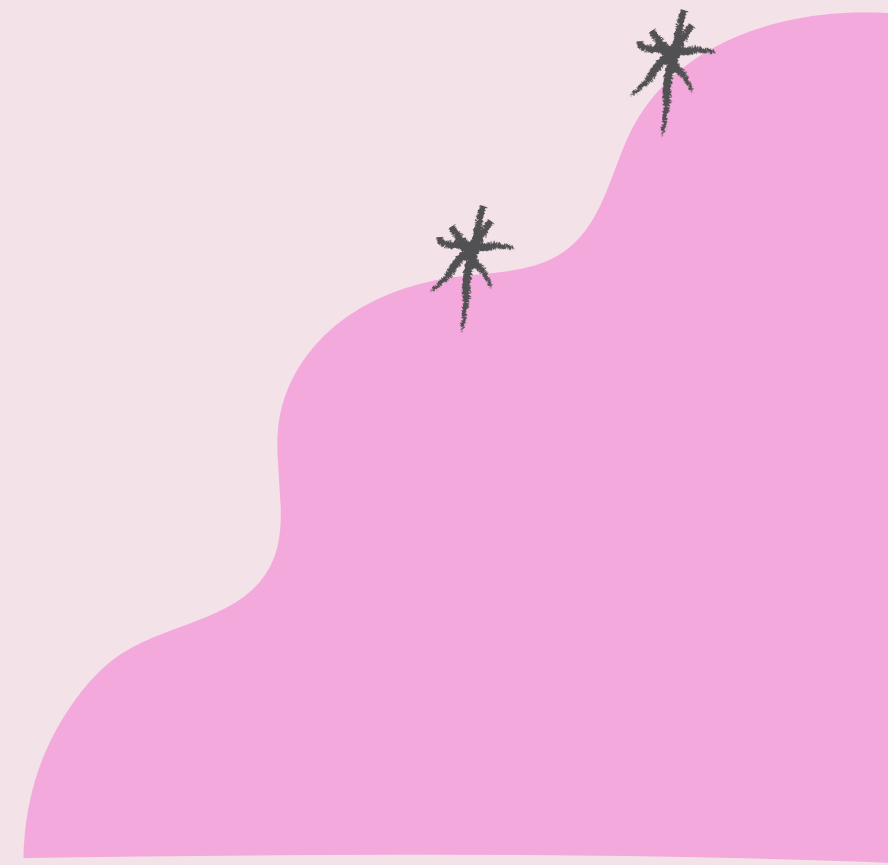
- Participate in professional development.
- Commit to learn more, expand your worldview.



Now What?



- Apply an equity and inclusive lens in your teaching.
- Center the marginalized.





Thank You!

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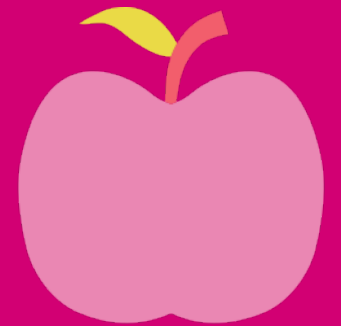


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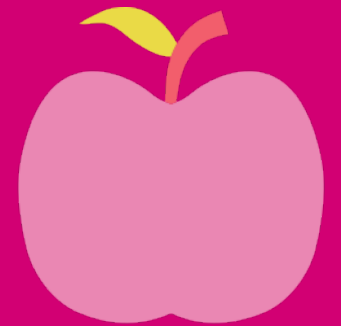
1. What Are Your Motivations?



2. Are You The Only Expert In The Room? Are You Willing To Learn From Your Students?



3. What Assumptions Have You Made About Your Students?



4. Have You Consulted The Community?



5. Become a Life Affirming Educator



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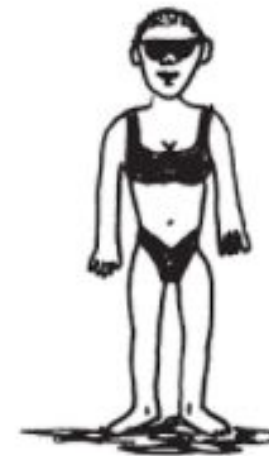
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5 THINGS TO DO NOW



**1. MAKE PRONOUN SHEETS
(AND PASS THEM
AROUND THE FIRST DAY)**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Student's Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

Do you want me to use these pronouns in class?

YES NO Let's Talk

With your family?

YES NO Let's Talk

Who are the members of your family?

What holidays do you celebrate?

For Teachers: How to Do Pronouns Better

(Or for anyone who interacts with young people)

- Kids may still be in the process of figuring things out. In fact, maybe we all are. But especially before college age, the question, “What’s your pronoun?” might actually elicit tears.
- Why? Maybe they are transgender and wanting to *pass*, and you asking makes them feel like they don’t signal the right pronoun to the world.
- Or maybe they just don’t know yet and are on a journey of discovery, not at a place to share just yet, and the pressure of identifying is too much.
- These are all valid experiences that should be honored.

Be aware that all school settings may not be a safe space to share.



Bullying is still a thing. Kids can be mean.



Pronoun circles may also not work so great for: shy ones, people who don’t “look” GNC, and people who are not out publicly yet.



You can optionally share pronouns when exchanging names or using name tags, but always give people a way to opt out.



Don’t single out a GNC person in public if you don’t need to, including asking them their pronoun and gender identity in large groups. Watch for how their friends refer to them or how they refer to themselves.



Ask privately, in a very neutral way. Like, in conversation, as the need for pronouns comes up. Kids say they prefer to have this convo one-on-one.

**2. THROW OUT BINARY
LANGUAGE LIKE “LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,” “BOYS
AND GIRLS.” (EVEN
HE/SHE.)**



GRRRRL

Other words to try, instead of ...

Ladies and gentlemen → people, peeps, friends, folks, everyone,
y'all, you all, fam

Boys and girls → kids, kiddos, children, friends, angels, rock stars

Sir or ma'am → you, friend, gentleperson (JK. Sorta.)

Why?

It removes gender, which removes assumptions.

**3. HAVE THE ROUGH
CONVOS SO KIDS DON'T
HAVE TO.**

**Kids shouldn't be on the
front lines of fighting for
a more inclusive world.
But they are. Be an ally,
use your voice. Adults
should protect kids.**

4. BATHROOMS CAN MEAN SAFETY.

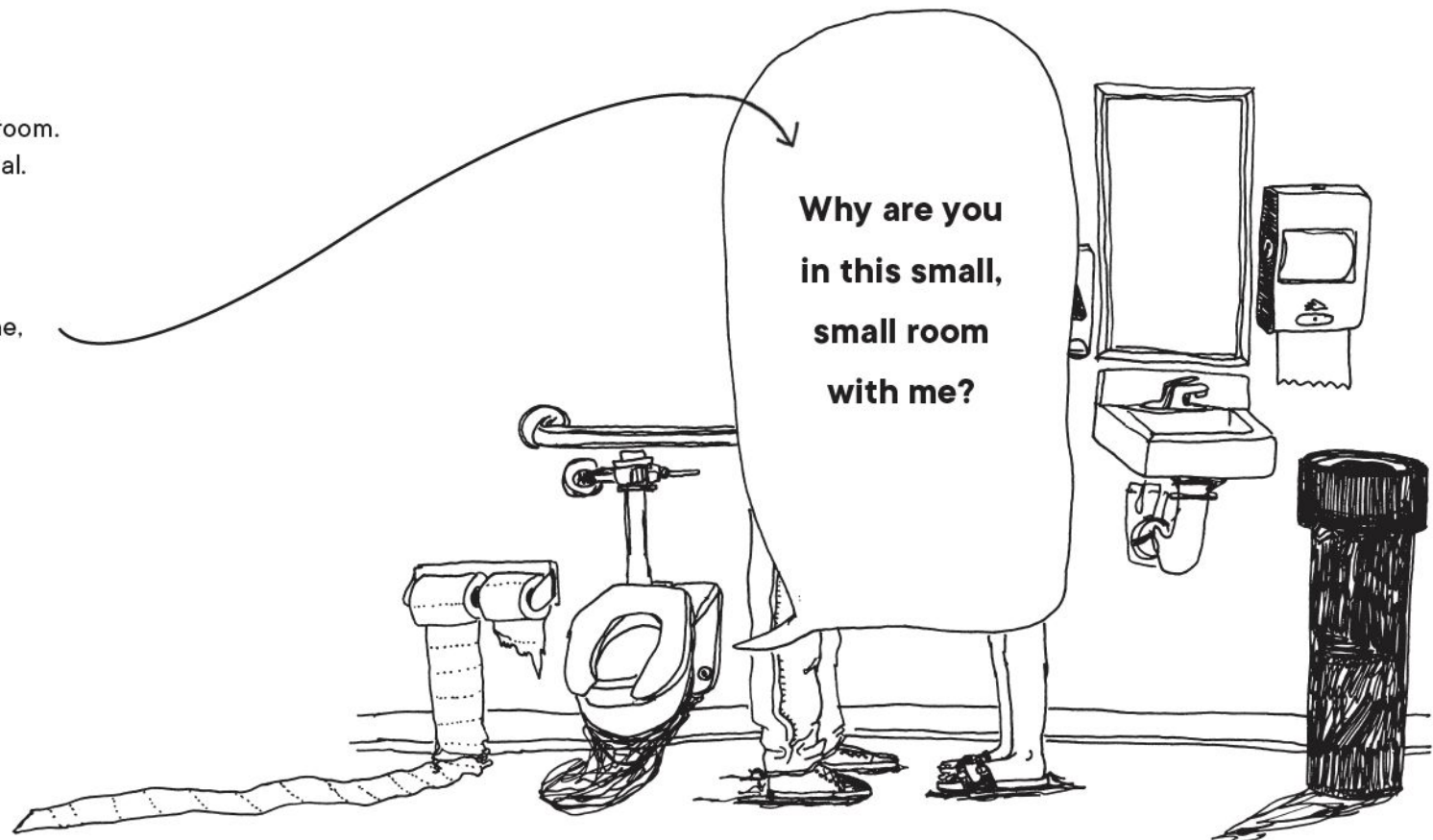
Q:

How do you respond to someone saying,
“You’re in the wrong bathroom”?

A:

Technically, I *am* in the wrong bathroom.
You know, if it’s not gender neutral.

If it is, it’s usually a one-holer,
and then I’m asking that someone,



5. DO THE RESEARCH!

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