

1. Use a beginning-of-the-year form to learn about your students and help with inclusive language.

Legal Name:

Chosen Name:

Nick Name:

Pronouns: (she/her, he/him, they/them, ze/zir, etc.)

Birthday:

Hobbies:

2. When you're describing a situation where the gender has no relevance try using neutral pronouns.

ex. "The other day my best friend came over and they said my room was a mess."

3. Create a safe space by adding a friendly LGBTQ+ poster to your classroom.

ex.



www.TrueColorsUnited.org

This encourages students that you are LGBTQ+ friendly and will not tolerate anti-LGBTQ+ language or harassment, and hopefully lets students know you are open to discussing queer issues.

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4. Call out homophobic slang or other offensive language.

ex. “No Homo!” or “That’s so gay.”

Teach your students it is not ok to use someone’s identity as an insult. If you hear a slur, use the moment as an opportunity to educate.

5. Make your curriculum more inclusive. For example, you can teach about queer composers of the past such as Bernstein, Tchaikovsky, and Eastman.

6. Educate yourself by reading books such as, “A Queer History of the United States,” by Michael Bronski.

7. Include your pronouns in your email signature as a subtle way to signal your support for the queer community.

For example:

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Professor of Percussion
University of Music
Pronouns: he/him