



Supporting **LGBTQ** **STUDENTS**

Pride Month is a month long celebration of the history, culture, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and their communities. Here are a few ways you can support and affirm LGBTQ students in your classroom. And remember these activities and displays should be implemented in a way that respects the individual comfort and privacy of LGBTQ students, and seeks to create an inclusive and affirming environment for all students.



Pride Corner:

Create a designated area in the classroom where you display LGBTQ flags, symbols, and informational posters about LGBTQ history, achievements, and contributions.

Inclusive Literature:

Incorporate books and reading materials that feature LGBTQ characters, themes, or experiences. These can be included in the classroom library or as part of assigned readings.



Identity Collages:

Encourage students to create collages that represent their identities, including their sexual orientation and gender identity. Display these collages in the classroom to celebrate and validate diverse identities.

Inclusive Language in Classroom Rules:

When establishing classroom rules, include statements that explicitly promote inclusion and respect for LGBTQ students. For example, "We celebrate and respect all gender identities and sexual orientations in this classroom."



Pride Month:

Dedicate a month to learning about LGBTQ history, achievements, and struggles. Incorporate discussions, guest speakers, and activities that explore the contributions of LGBTQ individuals throughout history.

LGBTQ Spotlight:

Spotlight influential LGBTQ individuals and their contributions in your classroom. Display short biographies or quotes from LGBTQ activists, artists, scientists, writers, etc., to inspire and educate students.



LGBTQ Awareness Projects:

Assign projects that encourage students to research and present on LGBTQ issues, activism, or LGBTQ representation in media. This promotes awareness and understanding among all students.

Ally Pledge Wall:

Create a visible space in the classroom where students can sign an ally pledge, expressing their commitment to support and stand up for LGBTQ rights and inclusion.



LGBTQ-Inclusive Celebrations:

During important events or celebrations, such as Women's History Month or Black History Month, make sure to include LGBTQ individuals and their achievements. Highlight the intersectionality of identities and emphasize the importance of inclusive representation.

