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Re: *Required notification regarding designations of bathrooms, locker rooms and dressing rooms*

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians:

December 16, 2022

The State Board of Education recently adopted Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-10.086. This State Board Rule states "If a school board ... has a policy or procedure that allows for separation of bathrooms or locker rooms according to some criteria other than biological sex at birth, the policy or procedure must be posted on the district's website ... and must be sent by mail to student residences to fully inform parents."

Orange County Public Schools allows for separation of some bathrooms according to criteria other than biological sex at birth. Orange County Public Schools allows students to use the restroom in the gender in which the student identifies.

Under the new State Board Rule, Orange County Public Schools must disclose the following information:

1. Method of supervision in locker rooms and how that method of supervision ensures the safety and privacy of students: Orange County Public Schools ensures that at least one adult is in the locker room when students are changing. This method of supervision ensures that students are not acting in an inappropriate manner in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. If students do act inappropriately, referrals are issued to address the inappropriate behavior.
2. All locker rooms are separated by biological sex at birth.
3. Group bathrooms which are not separated by biological sex at birth: are not located on our campus. Group Bathrooms which are separated by biological sex at birth: are located in the 4th and 5th grade Hallways.
4. The following single stall restrooms are available for any student to use: are located in K-2 , 5th grade classrooms, media center, clinic, PE area, Room 22 (ISS), Room 25 (SB) and the music room.

If you desire for your child to use a bathroom that is separated by biological sex at birth, such accommodation is available under the new State Board Rule. Please have your child use the group restrooms identified above which are separated by biological sex at birth or have your child use the single stall restrooms identified above.

Sincerely,

Faythia Brown-Carpenter
Principal
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