

Gender Spectrum Material - Talking Points

Our Values

We must teach our children to treat all people with kindness and compassion, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or otherwise.

- We firmly believe we should teach all children that bullying and name-calling of any kind is wrong and that we should protect all children from harm in our schools. At the same time, but this can and should be done without unnecessarily sexualizing the issue for children
- Our schools have rightly taken many steps to decrease bullying and empower children who find themselves the victim of this act. This has been done quite successfully without introducing to our children extremely sensitive topics such as transgenderism and bisexuality
- As Christians we believe that every person is created in the image of God and therefore has innate value. That's why we agree it's important to teach children to treat all people with kindness and compassion.

Concern with the Curriculum

Gender Spectrum's material advocates for an ideology that is at odds with the beliefs of many in our community.

- The Gender Spectrum material is not just about teaching children what transgenderism is or how to treat those who are gender confused, it's about affirming an extreme view of gender fluidity. **Example:** The Gender Bread Person
- This material goes beyond mere tolerance teaching into promotion and validation of lifestyles that not everyone agrees are moral.
- Many parents have concerns about lessons delving into transgender topics, redefining the meaning of male and female, introducing the idea of bisexuality. They feel it is inappropriate for their children. These parents have an equal right to be heard and respected.
- We send our children to school for academics, not thought camp on sensitive topics dealing with gender and human sexuality.

Biological Sex and Gender

Gender Spectrum seeks to undermine the inherent connection between biological sex and gender, and in doing so makes the idea of gender meaningless.

- The material provided by Gender Spectrum separates the idea gender identity and gender expression from biological sex completely, allowing students to mark on a continuum "How you, in your head, define your gender" for "woman-ness" and "man-ness."
- Any healthy assumptions based on biological sex are severed, leaving children to decide for themselves whether they want to be a boy or a girl.
- We should not ignore the problems associated with gender confusion, an overly sexualized culture, or a culture where people make assumptions about your lifestyle based on something like your favorite color—nor should we cause more confusion by undermining the inherent connection between biological sex and gender.