Gender and Sexuality Terms

**Agender** – A person who does not identify themselves as having a particular gender.

**Asexual** – The sexual orientation of those who do not experience sexual attraction to other people. Can also be shortened to “ace.”

**Aromantic** – Someone who does not experience romantic attraction to other people. Can also be shortened to “aro.”

**Bisexual** – The romantic and/or sexual orientation of those who are attracted to people of multiple genders. Can also be shortened to “bi.”

**Cisgender** – Someone who identifies with the gender they were assigned at birth. Can also be shortened to “cis;”

**Demiboy** – Someone who partially, but not wholly, identifies as a man, boy or otherwise masculine

**Demigirl** – Someone who partially, but not wholly, identifies as a woman, girl or otherwise feminine,

**Demisexual** – A person who does not experience sexual attraction unless they form a emotional connection.

**Gay** – A man who is romantically and/or sexually attracted to other men.

**Genderfluid** – A person whose gender identity is not fixed can fluidly vary between multiple gender identities

**Genderqueer** – A person who does not subscribe to conventional gender distinctions but identifies with no gender, multiple genders, or any combination of genders.

**Heterosexual** – The romantic and/or sexual orientation of those who are attracted to people of a different gender from themselves

**Intersex** – A person who was unable to be categorized as male or female at birth, due to genital, chromosomal, hormonal, and/or other natural bodily variations that deviate from a binary view of sex.

**Lesbian** – A woman who is romantically and/or sexually attracted to other women

**Non-Binary** – A person who does not identify as a man or woman, or otherwise identifies as a gender outside of the gender binary.

**Pansexual** – The romantic and/or sexual orientation of those who are attracted to people regardless of their gender. Can also be shortened to “pan.”

**Polyamory** – The ability or capacity to love or be romantically involved with more than one person

**Polysexual** – Polysexuality is attraction to some, but not all, possible genders.

**Transgender** – Someone who does not identify with the gender they were assigned to at birth. Can also be shortened to “trans;” for example, a trans woman is someone who was assigned male at birth, but whose gender identity is female.