

GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS

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NOTE: This policy addresses Chapter 353 of the Laws of 2020, which requires school district and BOCES boards to develop policies and procedures requiring that all single-occupancy bathrooms in public schools and BOCES be designated as gender neutral, with appropriate signage on or near the entry door. This law is effective March 23, 2021.

All single-occupancy bathroom facilities in the district are designated as gender neutral. Signs designating gender neutral single-occupancy bathrooms must be posted on or near the entry door of that bathroom facility.

A "single-occupancy bathroom" is as defined in Public Buildings Law §145(d) as "a bathroom intended for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use and which has a door for entry into and egress from the bathroom that may be locked by the occupant to ensure privacy."

The Superintendent of Schools or designee is directed to post appropriate signage to implement this policy consistent with applicable laws. Handbooks, directional signs, memos, safety plans, and maps will also be updated as necessary.

Ref:

Education Law §409-m (single-occupancy bathrooms designated gender neutral)

Public Buildings Law §145(d)

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