

# Transgender Day of Visibility

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## We Support and Lift Up Our Transgender Staff, Students and Families

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

### SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

### **Transgender Day of Visibility**

- On March 31, 2009, trans activist Rachel Crandall started the International
  Transgender Day of Visibility to bring trans and gender-nonconforming people
  together and celebrate their contributions to society, as well as raise awareness
  of discrimination faced by trans and gender non-conforming people.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility is a time to celebrate the lives and achievements of transgender, non-binary, gender-nonconforming, and gender-diverse individuals around the world, and to recognize the strength, courage, and determination it takes to live openly and authentically.



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- International Transgender Day of Visibility is also a time to raise awareness of the discrimination and violence that the transgender community still faces, which make it difficult and unsafe for many transgender people to be visible.
- According to the American Civil Liberties Union, so far in 2023 alone, 378
   anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced. 182 of those bills focus on schools and
   our education system, targeting transgender students and limiting their
   resources, limiting discussion of who they are, and limiting their opportunities
   in extracurricular activities.



Gender is not what people look like to other people; it is what we know ourselves to be. No one else should be able to tell you who you are; that's for you to decide.

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# Transgender Day of Visibility Flag Raising

- Monday, March 20 at 11am (through end of March)
- International Trans Day of Visibility is March 31, 2023



