

When Someone Comes Out to You

How to Respond and What To Do

What to Consider

The student may be worried about rejection or judgement
Remember, they are choosing to trust you with this information
It is an honor, therefore, treat it as such

How to Respond

"Thank you for sharing this with me."

"Thank you for trusting me with this."

"I'm glad you decided to share this with me."

What to Ask

Remember that this information is personal and private unless the student has given your clear permission to share this with others.

"How can I best support you?"

"Would you like me to keep this just between us?"

"What name and pronoun would you like me to use for us in class?"

"I'm new to this, but I'd really like to help. What can I do?"

What NOT to Say

Never ask a student or colleague questions about their anatomy or sexual interests.

Connect With Resources

Check in with your campus LGBTQ+ Liaison for campus and community support resources

Want more training? Contact the SOCCCD EEO Office

