



National Association for
College Admission Counseling

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), an education association of more than 15,000 college counseling and admission professionals dedicated to helping all students make the transition to postsecondary education, opposes legislation or other policies that allow for discrimination in any form.

Guided by our code of conduct, the Statement of Principles of Good Practice (SPGP), NACAC unequivocally believes that our members have a responsibility to treat all individuals in a fundamentally fair and equitable manner and to provide postsecondary counseling to all students in order for them to achieve their educational goals.

The SPGP notes that “member schools, colleges, and universities, as well as other institutions, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the pursuit of higher education, believe in the dignity, worth, and potential of each and every student. To enable all students to make the dream of higher education a reality, these institutions develop and provide programs and services in postsecondary counseling, admission and financial aid. They strive to eliminate bias within the education system based on ethnicity, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, political affiliation, national origin, and disability. They understand and value the importance of college counseling and view it as a fundamental aspect of their job as educators.”

To ensure a college admission environment that honors the dignity, worth, and potential of every student, it is critical that federal and state governments support policies that promote college access for students from all backgrounds and prohibit legislation or policies that foster discrimination.

Several states recently have introduced legislation that would negatively impact students and faculty who are transgender or are part of the LGBT community. NACAC anticipates that several more states will introduce similar legislation in the future. If signed into law, these bills, often referred to as “bathroom bills,” would violate an individual’s privacy and safety. These discriminatory bills, and other bills like them, create an unsafe environment for students and professionals and prevent NACAC members from providing effective postsecondary counseling to students of all backgrounds.

Legislation and other policies that single out students because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, culture, socio-economic background, and level of physical ability are antithetical to NACAC’s core beliefs. We oppose legislation or other policies that allow for discrimination in any form.