

# FREE

## ONLINE COURSE AVAILABLE FOR THE CANVAS (INSTRUCTURE) PLATFORM

Teachers may download and personalize all aspects of the course to suit their own needs and those of students.

Schools do NOT have to use Canvas to use this course with students!

### PERFECT FOR

In-Person Instruction

Distance Instruction

Hybrid Instruction

GSA Clubs

Music Classes

Staff In-Service

Any schools wanting to address issues of Equity and Inclusion!

The Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus and their conductor would love to visit your school, perform with your students, and experience the healing power of music, together, when the time is right.



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### OUT IN THE SCHOOLS

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## A NEW ONLINE CANVAS COURSE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

# OUT IN THE SCHOOLS

ADDRESSING THE  
NEEDS OF STUDENTS  
WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH  
IDENTITY AND SELF-ESTEEM

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## EDUCATE! ADVOCATE! CELEBRATE!

### Welcome to Out in the Schools

Thank you for considering this FREE online Canvas course produced by the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus. We want to support the work you are doing to make your classroom and school more equitable, and your students more confident and caring.

We explore equity and inclusion through the lens of the LGBTQ+ community. Through the vocabulary, the reflections, the resources and the action steps, our modules can serve as a catalyst for deeper investigation of the challenges faced by all marginalized people and the behaviors that can lead to positive change.

### OUR PURPOSE

To respond to violence, discrimination, and marginalization

### OUR PEOPLE

Secondary school students, their teachers, administrators, and parents

### OUR PROJECT

To provide engaging online curriculum for teachers and student learning

### OUR GOAL

To awaken a sense of power within each student—power to challenge all forms of intolerance

## 8 FREE CANVAS MODULES

Music Infusions from the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus are incorporated throughout the curriculum

### MODULE #1 | Course Introduction

Course Welcome  
National Arts Standards  
Learning Targets  
Intro to the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus  
Pre-Course Survey

### MODULE #2 | Vocabulary & Symbolism

Gender & Sexual Orientation Vocabulary  
Personal Pronouns | Gender Symbols  
Pride Flags

### MODULE #3 | LGBTQ+ History 101

Large Group History Events  
Violence Against Individuals  
LGBTQ+ History Month

### MODULE #4 | Equity, Empathy, Inclusion

Inclusion Vocabulary  
Discrimination | Bullying  
Homelessness (Isolation, Suicide)  
Coming Out | Finding Community

### MODULE #5 | Iowa History, Laws, & Marriage

Iowa's Record of Historic Judicial Rulings  
Marriage Equality  
Iowa Discrimination Laws

### MODULE #6 | LGBTQ+ National Resources

Crisis Hotline (Mental Health, Homelessness)  
Organizations of Support  
Gay-Straight Alliances  
LGBTQ+ Music Icons, Literature and Poetry

### MODULE #7 | LGBTQ+ Iowa Resources

Links to Iowa Organizations  
Online Courses for Educators  
Iowa Arts Organizations  
Iowa Scholarship Information  
Iowa Pride Celebrations

### MODULE #8 | Projects & Wrap-Up

Music & LGBTQ+ Creative Final Projects  
Post-Course Survey

## ALL MODULES INCLUDE

Teaching Tips | Vocabulary | Activities | Assessments | Video Links  
Music & LGBTQ+ Journal Prompts | Projects | Games | Student Advocacy Ideas