
Ronald H. Schmidt papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ronald H. Schmidt papers

Dates: 1988-1999

Collection Number: 2005-03

Creator/Collector: Schmidt, Ronald H.

Extent: 7 linear feet (5 cartons, 1 poster tube)

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Abstract: Ronald H. Schmidt taught middle school in the Morgan Hill Unified School District; he was the first openly gay teacher in the district and an activist for queer students and teachers. The bulk of the collection contains materials related to protecting queer students' rights and promoting an inclusive and diverse curriculum in the schools.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research. Some materials, including student evaluations in Carton 2, may be restricted; please contact the GLBT Historical Society archives for details.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Ronald H. Schmidt on March 8, 2005.

Biography/Administrative History

Ronald H. Schmidt taught middle school in the Morgan Hill Unified School District; he was the first openly gay teacher in the district and an activist for queer students and teachers. He was an active member of many organizations, including the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE), the GLBT caucus of the California Teachers Association (CTA), and the Arts Council of Gay and Lesbian San Jose. Schmidt was also a journalist for Our Paper Your Paper, an LGBT newspaper from Santa Clara County.

Scope and Content of Collection

The bulk of the collection contains materials related to protecting queer students' rights and promoting an inclusive and diverse curriculum in the schools. There are records pertaining to harassment of LGBT youth in Morgan Hill schools, including Schmidt's documentation of homophobic incidents, his notes on LGBT issues, hate mail, and materials related to school board controversies and to Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, a lawsuit filed by six students who sued the district for failing to protect them from harassment. There are also subject files related to ending discrimination against LGBT youth in schools more generally, including correspondence, ephemera, lesson plans, news clippings, presentations, reports, workshop materials, and materials related to BANGLE and CTA. The collection also contains some of Schmidt's awards and certificates, videotapes, audiotapes and artifacts. Researchers interested in Schmidt's journalism can consult copies of Our Paper Your Paper, which can be found in the GLBTHS Periodical Collection.

Indexing Terms

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