

WHAT IS A GSA?

GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE BASICS

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE OR GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE?

GSA's ARE STUDENT-RUN CLUBS

Usually in high schools
Sometimes in middle schools
Occasionally in elementary schools

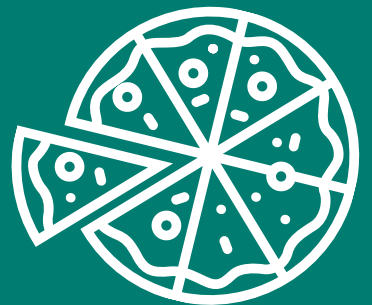
GSA's provide a safe space for LGBTQAI2+ students
Work to end homophobia, biphobia and transphobia
May organize events like Pride celebrations or Day of Silence
Can form coalitions with other clubs at school or nearby GSA clubs

ACTIVIST CLUBS

- Focus on making change happen around issues they see at school
- Host peer-education workshops or training for teachers and staff
- Work to get LGBTQAI2+ issues represented in the curriculum
- Convince administrators why having queer materials in the library is important
- Attend school board meetings to give input
- Fight to make sure their school district adapts a detailed anti-discrimination policy
- Form coalitions with other clubs working on social justice issues

SOCIAL CLUBS

- Provide a social outlet for queer students and cis/het allies
- Host or attend community events like LGBTQAI2+ Prom or Pride Parade
- Attend conferences together
- Organize barbecues, movie nights or other activities to engage the school community
- May utilize fundraisers like selling candy bars or holding a car wash to cover their expenses



PEER SUPPORT

- Provide safety and confidentiality to talk about sexual orientation and gender identity
- Bring in outside speakers to cover a particular topic like LGBTQAI2+ history or healthy relationships
- Participate in National Day of Silence

USEFUL LINKS



[NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE](#)

[PEER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS](#)

[COALITION BUILDING](#)