

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – The name of this club shall be the Gay-Straight Alliance of La Center High School.

Section B: Purpose – The purpose of this club shall be to provide a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about current world problems and issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, and work to end discrimination and hate towards that community in La Center and beyond. The La Center High School GSA Club is an integral part of meeting the Board's Ends policies specifically Ends-4 (A)(B).

Section C: Objectives – The objectives and functions of this club will be:

1. To serve as a support group and provide safety and confidentiality to students who are struggling with their sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression or those who are experiencing harassment at school because of their actual or perceived identity.
2. To provide a sense of community and a space for those who need one concerning sexual orientation or gender identity, and straight ally youth, to build a social network where their identity is respected and to lessen the isolation that many students might otherwise experience.
3. To educate club members and the broader school community about sexual orientation and gender identity. Also, to share and negotiate solutions to problems and assertive actions in support of their own learning and developing awareness of the factors that will guide their personal actions in regards to sexuality, and respect and compassion for others.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to persons who are attending La Center High School for at least one period, who possess good character, and who support the purposes and objectives outlined in Article I.

Section B: Termination – Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon removal from the community; (b) upon graduation; (c) by termination of the club; or (d) by the teacher advisor for not following the La Center High School Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section A: Officers – The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section B: Eligibility – Officers must be members of the club, must possess leadership potential, and must be able to carry out the objectives assigned to that office.

Section C: Election – The officers shall be elected by ballot at the last meeting of the spring semester by a majority of the vote cast for that office.

Section D: Term – The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the commencement of the fall semester.

Section E: Vacancy – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: President – it shall be the duty of the President to:

1. Lead the club to achieve its goals for the year.
2. Effectively preside at club meetings (including the development of all meeting agendas to be reviewed with the advisor prior to the meeting) and lead in any and all projects.
3. Serve as an ex-officio member of any and all committees
4. Represent the club and the Gay-Straight Alliance network in the community.
5. Vote only in case of a tie
6. Resolve conflicts within the club.
7. Maintain a strong membership level.

Section B: Vice-President – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

1. Preside in the absence of the President
2. Stay as knowledgeable about all club activities as the president.
3. Work closely with the president in defining and executing the goals of the club.
4. Head any necessary special committees
5. Maintain a strong membership level.

Section C: Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

1. Maintain all club records, club correspondence, and membership records.
2. Record and keep minutes, and member attendance records, of all club meetings and be able to provide copies.
3. Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club
4. Send thank you notes.
5. Maintain a strong membership level.

Section D: Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

1. Process Request for Payment, Deposit Slip, and Officer Signature Forms.
2. Maintain a constant and accurate record of all club financial transactions
3. Help lead projects focused on improving the financial position of the club.
4. Keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed
5. Keep the club president and all others concerned informed of the club's financial position.
6. Maintain a strong membership level.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section A: Meetings – Regular meetings shall be held weekly during the regular school year.

Section B: Special Meeting – Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section C: Quorum – A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership.

Section D: Parliamentary Authority – Robert’s Rules of Orders, shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A: Responsibility – Management of this club shall be vested in an Executive Committee responsible to the entire membership to uphold these bylaws.

Section B: Membership – This committee shall consist of the officers as listed in Article III and the faculty advisor.

Section C: Meetings – This committee shall meet at least three times per month, or (if necessary) once between regular meetings of the club, to organize and plan future activities.

Section D: Special Committees – The President shall have the authority to appoint any special committees, with the approval of the Executive Committee, from time to time as need demands.

ARTICLE VII: ADVISOR

Section A: Selection – There shall be a faculty/staff advisor who shall be recommended each year from the Principal to the Superintendent.

Section B: Duties – The responsibilities of the faculty advisor shall be to:

- Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.
- Meet on a regular basis with the leader of the student club to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the club.
- Attend regular meetings, executive board meetings as often as schedule allows.
- Assist in the orientation of new officers.
- Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.
- Provide direction in the area of parliamentary procedure, meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting, and program planning.
- Assist the club treasurer in monitoring expenditures, fundraising activities, and corporate sponsorship to maintain an accurate and up-to-date account ledger.
- Inform club members of those factors that constitute unacceptable behavior on the part of the club members, and the possible consequence of said behaviors.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Selection –These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership. Once approved by the club the amendment will be sent to the principal and school board for final approval.

Section B: Notice – All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the meeting, or the time may be extended to the following meeting by discretion of the majority of the Executive Committee.