



FAQS ABOUT GSAS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT
GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE CLUBS

WHAT DOES "GSA" STAND FOR?

- Historically, GSA stood for Gay-Straight Alliance
- Now many clubs call themselves Gender & Sexuality Alliances
- This expansion helps to include bisexuals, trans folks, and other members of the LGBTQAI2+ community

WHAT DO GSA CLUBS DO?

- Create community
- Increase awareness & understanding
- Cultivate leadership skills
- Encourage diversity
- Reduce bullying & discrimination
- Serve as a safe space

WHO ARE GSAS FOR?

Students who are:

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Transgender
- Queer
- Questioning
- Asexual
- Intersex
- Two-spirit
- HIV-positive
- Allies

CAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BAN GSA CLUBS?

NO! As long as these two conditions are met:

1. The club must be initiated at the request of students
2. The school must recognize other "non-curriculum related" student groups and clubs

FOLLOW UP

- If your school allows "non-curriculum related" clubs then students have a right to request a GSA
- If other clubs at your school do something, your GSA can too. For example:
 - Use bulletin boards
 - Put up posters
 - Reserve a meeting space
 - Use the PA system
 - Host events

USEFUL LINKS



[ACLU OF TEXAS](#)

[NATIONAL GSA NETWORK](#)

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