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## Statewide Advocacy Council



**GSA Network's Statewide Advocacy Council is a diverse group of youth leaders from middle and high schools across California. As a member of the Statewide Advocacy Council (SAC), you will learn skills to become a stronger activist and work towards creating a safer climate across California for LGBTQ students and straight allies. You will get support to use your advocacy skills for your school, GSA, and in your community.**

**What Do Statewide Advocacy Council Members Do?**

**Statewide Advocacy Council members' roles are to:**

- Guide GSA Network's Advocacy Program by providing feedback and recommendations on legislation being considered by GSA Network for support, endorsement, or other kinds of action.
- Work with GSA Network to engage education policy makers in implementing the law in schools across California.
- Help shape and implement our LGBTQ-Inclusive Curriculum Campaign.
- Help plan GSA Advocacy & Youth Leadership Academy ([GAYLA](#) <sup>[1]</sup>) and Queer Youth Advocacy Day ([QYAD](#) <sup>[2]</sup>).
- Represent the needs of GSAs and youth activists from their region.
- Participate in a work group:
  - Curriculum Work Group ? Learn skills to fight for LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum at school, and help develop materials for GSA clubs on LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum.
  - Administrative Advocacy Work Group ? Help plan GAYLA events and develop strategies to work with state-level education administrative agencies on protecting transgender and gender non-conforming youth.
  - Legislative Lobbying Work Group ? Help plan QYAD, work on legislation that supports LGBTQ youth, and create materials for students to get involved in legislative advocacy.

### **Interested in Joining?**

The Statewide Advocacy Council takes applications each spring after GAYLA and Queer Youth Advocacy Day. Participation in GAYLA is a strong factor in being selected to join the Statewide Advocacy Council.

### **Requirements to Join:**

1. Willing to commit to serve on the Statewide Advocacy Council for one year, attending monthly conference calls/and working group meetings.
2. Committed to creating statewide and local change for LGBTQ youth and fighting homophobia and transphobia in schools, specifically with a focus on legislative and administrative advocacy, policy change, and curriculum development.
3. Interested in developing and suggesting ideas to strengthen the GSA Network Advocacy Program.
4. A commitment to working to develop a Statewide Advocacy campaign and getting your local community connected to that campaign.
5. A student in a public or private middle or high school in California.

**Please join us in our work to protect more students across California like you!**

Applications for 2013-2014 are now closed.



## **GAYLA Youth Trainers & Statewide Advocacy Council 2011-2012 Members**

### **Who is on Statewide Advocacy Council?**

Meet the [2012-2013 Statewide Advocacy Council Members](#) [3].

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- [1] <http://gsanetwork.org/events/gayla>
- [2] <http://gsanetwork.org/events/queer-youth-advocacy-day>
- [3] <http://gsanetwork.org/about-us/youth-council>