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## Adults and Advisors



**With the right support, GSA youth activists have the power to unite for racial and gender justice. Effective and empowering GSA Advisors and adult allies play an important role in a GSA's success.**

### [Advisor Handbook](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

To help you succeed, the National Association of GSA Networks created a [GSA Advisor Handbook](#) <sup>[1]</sup> for both new and veteran advisors! This comprehensive resource will guide you through starting up a GSA, your role as an advisor, and sustaining your club over time.


## Other Resources You May Find Helpful

Our [How to be an Awesome Advisor](#) <sup>[2]</sup> resource sheet is great place to start. Throughout our Resources section, you'll find many other resources for GSA activists. Many are useful for teachers and advisors, too.

In [Building Your GSA](#) <sup>[3]</sup>, we cover the fundamentals of starting and running successful GSAs, including:

- [Dealing with Apathy](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [Dealing with Hostility & Opposition](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- [Transitioning Leadership](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

In [Creating Inclusive GSAs section](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, we cover the role of adults in:

- [Youth-Adult Partnerships](#) <sup>[8]</sup>
- Working with Adults
- [Supporting LGBTQ Youth Through Family Engagement](#)  <sup>[9]</sup>

Legal information is available in [Legal Resources](#) <sup>[10]</sup>.

## Change Your School

Learn about what GSAs can do to fight slurs, increase LGBTQ visibility, support transgender students, create inclusive curriculum, and more. Learn what you can do to [Change Your School](#)

<sup>[11]</sup>.

## More Resources Available

The San Francisco Unified School District's [LGBTQ support website](#) <sup>[12]</sup> is dedicated to providing educators with tools to LGBTQ topics in school. Their goal is to create a safer learning environment for all students with an emphasis on LGBTQ youth and their families.

Check out the feature article, "[In Support of LGBTQ Youth](#)," <sup>[13]</sup> written for the California Association of School Counselors by a GSA advisor.

Also be sure to check out the resources for teachers, administrators, and other school personnel compiled by the [Safe Schools Coalition](#) <sup>[14]</sup>.

You can find more tools for teachers, GSA advisors, and other adults in our [Community Resources](#) <sup>[15]</sup> directory.

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