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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](#) ^[1]

To help you succeed, the National Association of GSA Networks created a [GSA Advisor Handbook](#) ^[1] 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](#) ^[2] 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](#) ^[3], we cover the fundamentals of starting and running successful GSAs, including:

- [Dealing with Apathy](#) ^[4]
- [Dealing with Hostility & Opposition](#) ^[5]
- [Transitioning Leadership](#) ^[6]

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

- [Youth-Adult Partnerships](#) ^[8]
- Working with Adults
- [Supporting LGBTQ Youth Through Family Engagement](#)  ^[9]

Legal information is available in [Legal Resources](#) ^[10].

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](#)

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More Resources Available

The San Francisco Unified School District's [LGBTQ support website](#) ^[12] 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](#)," ^[13] 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](#) ^[14].

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

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