



SHHS GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

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BOARD, NOT OFFICERS

We have decided that the officer terms were too harsh for the way we wanted this club to run. We want it to have a more open feeling, and not so divided. Instead of "officers", we would have a Board, which feels more welcoming.

2022-2023 GSA Board Members

- Board Chair=Chloe' Tremblay
- Vice Board Chair=Kayla McDonald
- Board Secretary=Isabella Toups
- Board Historian=Erica Guillet

MISSION STATEMENT/MOTTO

- The goal of the Sam Houston Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is to provide an alliance between all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. By building an environment based on tolerance, acceptance, and inclusivity, we will strive for a community in which the personal well-being of every one person is the priority of all people.



"Strengthening the Colors of our Community"

History

The LGBTQ community has been around since the times of ancient Greece, and over time has expanded greatly. To this day, there is still a surprising amount of discrimination towards the community despite being around for thousands of years. It is slowly becoming a more accepting world, but students still need a safe space and a place where they can be themselves.

Why we need this club:

- ❖ Be with people that understand each other
- ❖ Make a change in how students view the school and their peers
- ❖ Provide needed diversity within non-academic clubs
 - ❖ Provide a safe space for students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity

HOW GSA BENEFITS SHHS

- ❖ With this club, Sam Houston is a more inclusive and open-minded atmosphere along with being a warmer and more welcoming place
- ❖ Students use this space to support each other
- ❖ The club is an outlet for kids to find new friends and make new connections within the school

Overall Goal:

- ❖ Give students a different view of the school
- ❖ Help students take a break from what feels like an unfriendly world
- ❖ Fight to establish equality and stand against oppressive bullying
 - ❖ Help students feel more comfortable with their unique identity

OTHER THINGS GSA DOES

Creates an information board with resources for all students

Provide student and parent resources

Educate on the different types of people in the community

Support local causes/walks/fundraisers as they correlate to our mission statement

Partner with P.I.L.O.T on events and activities directly related to our mission statement

Share coming out stories

THAT ISN'T ALL THOUGH!

This club is not just a place for LGBTQ students, it is also a place for allies! We want the students to be surrounded by others like them, but it is also important that our allies are included within the community. The more friends, the better! Being surrounded by other LGBTQ students is one of the main goals of this club but knowing that people not a part of it support the cause will also help students feel more cared about and seen.

HOW DOES GSA COMPARE TO OTHER CLUBS ON CAMPUS?

- **P.I.L.O.T.**: the GSA may seem like P.I.L.O.T, but let us think about it this way, this club isn't made to be a counseling service. It is supposed to be a place where you can take a break from the therapy and troubles. If we think a student needs help, we could direct them to the Peer Support Team.
- The GSA club is not curricular based and does not revolve around community service, but rather community inclusivity. We will not exclude anyone due to grade point averages.

HOW TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

- **See Mrs. LeBert in room 216 (or attend the first meeting) to fill out a registration form (parent signature is required) and pay the \$10 membership fee**
- **Attend our first meeting September 1st from 3:10pm-4pm (snacks and door prizes will be available)!**