

# Sample GSA Constitution

## Article I - Name of the Student Organization

Section A Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) a.k.a "PRIDE Club"

## Article II - Purpose and Objectives

Section A The specific purposes and objective of the GSA shall be:

1. Creating SAFE SPACES for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning students at ABC High to express themselves without discrimination or harassment
2. Provide EDUCATION to the student body and educating staff at ABC High School about LGBTQ issues
3. Work toward an OPEN FORUM where the student body and educating staff at ABC High School can find a greater understanding of minority communities

## Article III - Membership

Section A The membership of this organization shall consist of currently enrolled students and faculty or ABC High School

Section B Membership in this organization shall be open to all members of the ABC High School community, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other minority status as outline in the Iowa Civil Rights Code, Section 216

Section C Any individual shall be allowed to join this organization at any time of the school year

Section D All members shall have equal rights and privileges in regards to election of officers within this organization

Section E No member monetary membership dues shall be required to join or maintain membership status in this organization

## Article V - Officers

Section A The officers of this organization shall consist of:

1. President

- a. Call and run meetings of the organization
- b. Plan and coordinate events for the organization
- c. Represent the club during official meetings with school faculty, and during Club Day

2. Vice-President

- a. Run all meetings if the President is absent
- b. Represent the club alongside the President during official meetings with school faculty, and during Club Day
- c. Co-facilitate meetings with President
- d. Call for official votes during meetings

3. Secretary

- a. Record accurate minutes of any meeting
- b. Maintain an accurate and complete list of all members of the organization
- c. Tally and report out vote counts and final decisions
- d. Disperse official meeting minutes to absent members via email or social media

4. Treasurer

- a. Keep an accurate record of club finances
- b. Maintain club paperwork as required by ABC High School administration

Section B Officers must be regular attendees of at least 75% of all meetings per academic year. Absences and exceptions should be discussed with the faculty advisor

Section C Candidates for office must:

1. Be in good standing with ABC High School (outline in student handbook)
2. Have time to commit to duties as outlined in Section A. Significant conflicts due to other activities may disqualify a candidate for an office position

Section D Officers will remain in office for one school calendar year, or until graduation, whichever comes first

Section E Any officer of the organization may be removed from office with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members

## **Article V - Elections and Voting**

Section A Each member shall have one (1) vote. Absent members on the day of voting will not be allowed to vote. Proxy votes shall only be accepted in written form, and should be given to the faculty advisor

Section B Election of officers shall be held during the second official meeting of the fall semester

Section C Any officer or member of the organization may resign at any time

Section D In the case of resignation of an officer, a special election will be held one week after the resignation to fill the vacant position

## **Article VI - Meetings**

Section A All members shall be notified of any meetings and nature of the business that will be discussed

Section B Regular meetings shall be held one time a week

Section C Special meetings may be called at any time by the officers with a 3 day notice to all members via email/social media

## **Article VII - Amendment of Constitution**

Section A The Constitution may be amended by officers and two thirds (2/3) majority vote of members of the organization