



How to Find a Club Advisor

Having a good GSA advisor can make a world of difference in the success and well-being of your club. Your advisor can serve as an advocate when dealing with potential pushback from parents, administrators, or other faculty. They can help you come up with ideas and navigate challenges in your GSA. Keep reading for some things to keep in mind as you look for an advisor for your club.

WHAT ARE YOUR SCHOOL'S REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB ADVISORS?

Check your school's student handbook or ask the administrator in charge of managing student organizations if there are any specific requirements for club advisors. Do they need to be a teacher, or are all faculty members eligible? Make sure whoever you ask to be an advisor fits these requirements.

IS THERE AN EXISTING FORMER GSA ADVISOR AT YOUR SCHOOL?

If your school had a GSA in the past, check to see whether the previous GSA advisor is still employed at your school and if they'd be willing to advise your GSA. You can also see if there are staff members who worked with GSAs at another school in the past.

ARE THERE ANY OUT LGBTQ+ STAFF MEMBERS AT YOUR SCHOOL?

LGBTQ+ staff members are likely to be invested in supporting LGBTQ+ students, so they may be great options to be GSA advisors. Even if they are not able to serve as your advisor, they may know of other supportive staff members who might be interested.

ARE THERE ANY ALLIED STAFF MEMBERS AT YOUR SCHOOL?

If there's anyone with a safe space sign or a pride flag in their classroom, or anyone who has otherwise indicated that they are an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, they may be a good option to serve as a GSA advisor.

IF NONE OF THE ABOVE ARE TRUE AT YOUR SCHOOL, THERE ARE STILL OPTIONS!

Talk to your guidance counselor about why you want to start a club. Ask them if they know of any faculty members they think might be interested in supporting you. Also, guidance counselors can make great advisors! If staff do not seem interested, talk to your counselor about what you can do to make sponsoring a GSA a priority to staff.



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