

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE OF APEX
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I. NAME

SECTION 1 — The name of this organization shall be the Gay/Straight Alliance (“GSA”) of Apex Senior High School (“AHS”).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

SECTION 1 — *The purpose of the Gay/Straight Alliance shall be:*

To work within our school community to promote the notion that all people have a right to be treated with equanimity and dignity.

To reduce anti-gay violence, harassment and discrimination by educating the school community about those issues and by encouraging a greater degree of understanding from students and school personnel.

To develop and promote club activities and programs designed to foster and support these purposes.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 — *Active Membership:* The Gay/Straight Alliance shall be a coed club open to all students currently attending Apex Senior High School.

SECTION 2 — Members are in no way obligated to declare or define their sexual orientation and students of all sexual orientations are encouraged to participate.

SECTION 3 — Members will place their signature (unless doing so would undermine confidentiality) on this document to establish that they agree with the terms and conditions it produces.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

SECTION 1 — The officers of the Gay/Straight Alliance shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, two Fundraising Coordinators, and two Creative Directors.

SECTION 2 — *Duties of Officers:*

PRESIDENT — The president shall be the chief executive of the Gay/Straight Alliance; preside over all of the Gay/Straight Alliance meetings and committee meetings, unless he/she appoints a chairperson; have the power to call special meetings of the Gay/Straight Alliance; organize all club activities; serve as link between the club and the club advisor.

VICE-PRESIDENT — The vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president; assume the office of president in case of presidential removal (in case of a vacancy in the office of vice president, the president shall appoint a new vice president); assist in any duties deemed necessary by the president; be supervisor and counselor to all standing and special committees; keep a written, accurate account of all committee progress.

SECRETARY — The secretary shall keep written, accurate minutes of all official meetings of the club; type all documents, letters, etc., which the president or advisor might request; maintain a confidential permanent attendance record of the club privy to the viewing of the Administration, and club advisor; be in charge of submitting club announcements.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS — Coordinators will shoulder responsibility for the club's participation in the annual club fundraising effort with all other clubs at AHS. Coordinators will be responsible for all club participation in this effort, and for reporting on this effort monthly to the whole GSA.

CREATIVE DIRECTORS — Creative Directors will aid the club in the organizing and producing any number of posters, prints, t-shirt designs, etc. that are needed to support advertising and participation in the club events.

SECTION 3 — *Qualifications for Office*: All members who are in good standing with the club shall be eligible to hold a position. All positions are public and consequently anonymity of club officers is not guaranteed. We do not recommend that those who are uncomfortable with public association with the GSA offer their services in his capacity.

SECTION 4 — *Vacancies*: With the exception to the vice president, if a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, a member with proper qualifications shall hold the position for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs during the last week of office, the officer-holder shall then take office.

SECTION 5 — All offices will be filled in January of 2012 for a term not to exceed six months. New offices will next be elected either according to SECTION 4 or no later than the first half of the first quarter of the first semester of the school years subsequent to year 2012. All officers may be reelected for no more than four consecutive terms, assuming they will be attending AHS during the entire school year following their election. An election in the format above referenced during the first half of the first quarter of the second semester of the school year shall be held to elect new members to replace those which had previously attended AHS during the first semester but no longer are attending AHS during the second semester. The acquisition of a position is determinant of the majority vote in favor of a member running for a position in office.

ARTICLE VI. POLICES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION 1 — The office-holders shall define standard policies and procedures concerning Gay/Straight Alliance.

SECTION 2 — Gay/Straight Alliance Policies and Procedures shall have full jurisdiction over all matters not specifically stated in the provisions of this constitution, and not governed by State of North Carolina, the Wake County Public School District, and Apex Senior High School statutes, regulations, policies and procedures.

SECTION 3 — Office-holders have the right to make revisions for that which they may see fit to improve the clarity, modify the formatting, or correct errors in the document provided they list

those revisions at the end of this document each time a change of the above description is made.

SECTION 4 — Major changes to policy and meanings of texts in this document may only be carried out upon a majority vote by the members of the GSA in favor of the requested change.

SECTION 5 — Officers and members should keep confidential all information about other members if those members do not wish for that information to be propagated. Officers agree not to reveal the personal information regarding members to other students, staff members, and parents of students.

SECTION 6 — Signature of this document terms an agreement that members will uphold the policies enacted through this document.

REVISIONS

1. Changed dates in Article IV to reflect the re-establishment of the AHS GSA.
2. Implemented additional terms so that reelection during a subsequent semester may be orderly to invoke democratic process.
3. Made more specific guidelines as to how confidentiality will be held of members of the AHS GSA.
4. Modified the font and formatting of the document to improve readability.
5. Added heading to conform to formatting of Gay/Straight Alliance official document releases.
6. Placed request for member signature to establish agreement with terms.