



- President Barack H. Obama





## What We Do

### Provide Support

The Waltrip High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) serves as a source of support and provides safety and confidentiality to students who are struggling with their identity or self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning or those who are experiencing harassment at school because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

### Build Community

We create and provide a sense of community and a space for LGBTQ and straight ally students to build a social network where their identity is respected and celebrated.

### Educate Ourselves & Others

We educate ourselves and the broader school community about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. This year we plan to organize "LGBTQ awareness events" and offer an educational workshop for faculty members, which will focus on teaching school staff how to be better allies for LGBTQ students.

## 2016-2017 Initiatives

### Support & Build Community

Weekly meetings that focus on different topics of interest to LGBTQ students and their allies.

#### Educate

"Teach the Teacher"/Safe Space Training Workshop for teachers and other Waltrip staff who support members of the LGBTQ Community and their allies

Participate Day of Silence & No H8 Campaign

#### Serve

Partner with school and/or local organizations to engage in community service activities throughout the school year

#### Celebrate

Honor graduating members of the WHS GSA with a *Rainbow Graduation*

Honor teachers and other staff members who regularly respect and celebrate diversity among students

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is a GSA?** "A Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a student-run club, typically in a high school, which provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia."
- **Do you have to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning your sexuality to be a member?** *No, the GSA is open to LGBTQ students and their straight allies who support diversity and respect for all students.*
- **When and where does GSA meet?** *Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. in room 2107*
- **How will I get home, since the buses will have already left?** *Because meetings are held after school on Wednesdays, students are able to catch the after school activity bus home at no cost to students.*

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