Advocacy Resources

GLSEN Safe Space Kit Designed to help you create a safe space for LGBT youth in schools, the *Safe Space Kit* is GLSEN's *Guide to Being an Ally to LGBT Students*. The guide provides concrete strategies that will help you support LGBT students, educate about anti-LGBT bias and advocate for changes in your school. The kit not only guides you through making an assessment of your school's climate, policies and practices but it also outlines strategies that you may use to advocate for change, including posting a Safe Space Sticker or Safe Space Poster in your classroom or office.

Resource: http://www.glsen.org/safespace

Jump Start Your GSA

Resource: http://www.glsen.org/student-action/gsa/jump-start-guide

Ally Week, Guide for Educators What is Ally Week and how can you support students like these before, during and after it? Ally Week is a week during which students organize events that serve to identify, support and celebrate those who are Allies against anti-LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) language, bullying and harassment in our schools. Although Ally Week is largely a student-led action, there are many ways educators can participate.

Resource: http://www.glsen.org/article/ally-week-guide-educators

ELA and History Resource: Matthew Shepard (Grades 9-12) GLSEN, the Matthew Shepard Foundation, Lesléa Newman and Candlewick Press have collaborated to develop *He Continues to Make a Difference: Commemorating the Life of Matthew Shepard*, a resource for high school educators interested in: Commemorating and learning from the life of Matthew Shepard, Teaching themes of empathy and social justice, Implementing LGBT-Inclusive curriculum while meeting reading and writing standards, Supporting LGBT students

Resource: http://www.glsen.org/matthewshepard

American Civil Liberties Union One way students can make their school a safer environment for *all* youth is through a gay-straight alliance, or GSA -- a student-led club that provides support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their friends. We may be able to assist you in taking on your school and make it treat your GSA (Prom & other School Dances, Harassment, Expression & Censorship) the way it should.

Resource: https://www.aclu.org/issues/lgbt-rights/lgbt-youth/gay-straight-alliances

ACLU, How to Start a GSA

Resource: https://www.aclu.org/files/assets/tips_on_starting_a_gsa_nov_2011.pdf

Gender Inclusiveness Assessment. Framework for Gender Inclusive schools.

Resource:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/ykbj43wx1mhxcez/Gender_Inclusive_Assessment_Tool_030515.pdf?dl=0

Gender Spectrum Gender inclusive schools and classrooms welcoming all children and teens are within any school community's reach with our education focused resources.

Resource: https://www.genderspectrum.org/resources/education-2/

Gay, Straight Alliance Network Start a Campaign

Resource: https://unite.gsanetwork.org/

Human Rights Campaign

Resource: http://www.hrc.org/

School Climate Questionnaire Uncover the differences between teacher and student perceptions.

Resource:
http://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/files/general/School%20Climate%20Questionnaire.pdf

What do you say to "That's so Gay?" Stop it, Educate, Be Proactive

Resource: http://hrc-assets.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com//welcoming-schools/documents/WS_Stop_Thats_So_Gay.pdf

Best Practices, Creating an LGBT - inclusive School Climate A teaching tolerance guide for school leaders

Resource: http://www.tolerance.org/lgbt-best-practices