

GSA – CIE

Sponsor: Veritza Kostovski – School Counselor

School Year: 2018-19

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to work towards a more accepting environment for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through education, support, social action, and advocacy. We believe that schools can be truly safe ONLY when every student is assured of access to an education without fear of harassment or violence. We strive to protect the LGBT students and their straight allies from harassment, abuse, and mistreatment. Aside from working diligently to improve the school environment, the GSA also puts emphasis on changing the community in our ultimate goal of ending homophobia. We will create an environment in which it is safe for people to express themselves, their individuality and/or their sexuality without consequence or judgment.

Constitution:

Eligibility Policy:

Any student of CIE may join the GSA, however, members must uphold behavioral and academic standards, and must perform school-required community service hours.

Behavioral Policy:

All members of the GSA are expected to adhere to the standards of behavior set out by this Constitution. All attendees at any meeting must respect and behave civilly towards one another and towards guests. Each question and discussion is expected to be approached with maturity. Members of the GSA are expected to always act responsibly to ensure their personal safety.

Attending any meeting is an agreement to comply with these basic rules and any set out by our meeting place.

If a member is observed to be violating this agreement, they will be asked to behave in a more appropriate way. If their behavior persists, they will be asked to leave the meeting. If chronic negative behavior continues, they will be asked to leave the GSA for the remainder of the school year.

Higher standards of behavior are in place for students in these activities to promote good citizenship as these students represent Center for International Education through local, state, and national competitions, meetings, and performances. To deter student use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, mood-altering or performance-enhancing substances, all students are expected to honor the drug-free student code. Students who fail to meet expectations will have consequences assessed by the sponsor or director of the activity, which may be in addition to consequences levied by school administration. Continued failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from the program. Students are expected to follow the rules and expectations set forth in the "Student Expectations and Discipline" section of the student handbook.

Privacy Policy:

The GSA understands that there could be portions of our membership who wish to remain anonymous. All topics discussed in a GSA-organized environment are to be kept confidential. A member will never be pressured to release any personal or sensitive information (name, age, orientation, etc.), and the same information will never be recorded in GSA records without permission from the person or persons concerned.

Officers:

Daymara Martin - President

Zenzi Gray - Vice President

Larissa Monjaraz - Treasurer

Leilani Morua-Perez - Secretary

Dues:

There are no dues to be a member of the GSA

Community Service and Activities:

The CIE GSA will complete at least one community service activity and at least 2 events during the year, pending approval from sponsor and activities director.

Meeting Place and Time:

All students participating in the GSA will attend meeting on the first and third friday of every month during lunch time (11:35am-12:20pm) in room 259.

GSA Members