For some people, saying they are LGBTQ+ is easy, self evident, and self explanatory. For others, not so much.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 10.5% of high school students identify as LGB- 2.5% lesbian or gay, and 8% as bisexual.

Unfortunately, it's estimated that at least 1.2 million LGBTQ youth ages 13-18 seriously consider suicide each year.

Questioning gender and/or sexuality can be frightening and isolating for youth. Most importantly, they need to know they aren't alone in the world. Our GSA group offers a safe place for self-reflection, meaningful dialog, and acceptance.

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RESOURCES



Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (LGBTQ community) New Prague Chapter: pflagnewpraguemn@gmail.com



Educational Resources: http://www.glsen.org

National Organization that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention. http://thetrevorproject.org Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386

NEW PRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual Transgender

Q+

SUPPORTING YOUTH AT NPHS

Sexual orientation is a person's sexual, romantic, or emotional attraction to another person.

Lesbian- a woman's sexual orientation toward people of the same gender.

Gay- a sexual orientation that describes a person who is attracted to people of their own gender.

Bisexual- a sexual orientation that describes a person who is attracted to people of their own gender and another gender.

Queer- an umbrella term used by some to describe people who think of their sexual orientation or gender identity as outside of societal norms.

Asexual- a sexual orientation that describes a person who experiences little or no sexual attraction to others.

What is GSA?

GSA stands for Genders & Sexualities Alliance. It's a school club in which students can talk and learn about sexual orientation, gender identity, and social issues. Also, friends of LGBTQ youth join to show support and acceptance - to be an ALLY. All students are welcome!

GSA clubs are necessary to foster safe and affirming school environments.

LGBTQ youth are at higher risk for feeling isolated. GSA clubs help students feel more connected to their peers and school community. The NPHS GSA meets twice a month after school with an advisor. **Gender identity** is a person's internal sense of being a man, woman, neither, both or something different.

Transgender- describes a person whose gender identity and assigned sex at birth do not correspond.

Nonbinary- describes a person who doesn't identify exclusively as a man or a woman.

