Rainbow Sails at Minnetonka Middle School West

Rainbow Sails is a GSA affinity group that provides a safe space for students interested in talking about issues affecting LGBTQIA+ individuals and students who are allies of the LGBTQIA+ community.

We are friendly, kind, welcoming and fun! All are welcome!

Mission: To provide an opportunity for students to positively engage and spend time together in a safe and developmentally supportive environment.

Meeting Days and Times

The club meets two times per month. Clubs are separated by grade level. Students can choose between the following options:

- Before School* (8:30-9:00am on Thursdays)
- After School* (4:05-5:00pm each Friday)
- During MAST every other Wednesday

*7th and 8th grade students only

Description of Activity

A typical meeting will include sharing a high/low of the week, student recommendations (good books, movies, etc.) and discussing one or two advisor-selected questions such as "What do you think about LGBTQ+ representation in TV/Movies? Is there enough- why/ why not?" or "Do you think you are a supportive person? How come?" or "How can teachers make themselves more approachable to the student community?"

All topics are age-appropriate. Students can make an appointment with their counselor to discuss personal or more sensitive questions/issues.

Club Rules/Norms

View the Student Agreed Upon Norms here.

Advisors/Contact Information

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Note: Disclosing a student's stated sexual orientation or gender identity to others without permission from the student is a violation of the student's privacy rights.

Additional resources regarding LGBTQ+ issues, information and support may be found on the <u>Minnetonka Well-being Guide community resources page</u>.



For more information, please contact your child's counselor.