

# CONDUCTING A SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

AN IMPORTANT WAY TO MEASURE YOUR CLUB'S IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY

## DEVELOPING A SCHOOL SURVEY

- Decide how you want to write and conduct the survey- electronic, paper, or both?
- Pinpoint the issues you want to learn more about
- Design several questions relating to the issues
- Be sure to include demographic questions like gender, race, and grade
- Keep the survey shortit shouldn't take more than 5-10 minutes

#### GETTING YOUR SURVEY APPROVED

- Get feedback on your first draft from your club's adviser
- Find out how other surveys at your school are approved and follow the same processes
- Hand the survey out at lunch if you don't get approval to do it in classrooms
- Before the survey, let folks know that they can stop at any point
- Be sure to thank people for their time!

#### SO YOU GAVE OUT A SURVEY... NOW WHAT?

- Tally the results, write up a report, and include the quantitative results for each question as well as the qualitative comments and responses
- Publish! Submit a write-up of why you did the survey, what it revealed, and how the information is useful to your school newspaper or your local city newspaper, be sure to include quotes from respondents
- Use survey statistics to publicize your GSA meetings and raise visibility in your school through announcements, posters, and advertisements

#### FOLLOW UP

- Identify some of the major issues with your school environment from the survey results
- Compare answers between grade levels and/or people of different genders, races, sexual orientations, etc.
- Design projects for your club to address the issues
- Plan when you will do another survey to measure if your school climate is changing

### USEFUL LINKS



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