



Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention

DAY OF SILENCE GUIDELINES

The Day of Silence was conceived in 1996 at the University of Virginia as a vehicle for sexual minority students to be empowered to protest the prejudice and discrimination experienced by Gay and Lesbian students every day.

Broward County School GSA Clubs will be guided and monitored through the Department of Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention (DCO&P) on the designated “Day of Silence” on April 11, 2014. Activities will adhere to the guidelines identified. These district-wide guidelines will include:

1. Only registered GSA or other school approved clubs will participate in “The Day of Silence” activities.
2. All participating GSA clubs and their allies must register their club and their specific activity with their school administration and Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention for approval. (If a high school *does not* have a GSA club identified at its school, any other school-approved club may register its planned activity for the Day of Silence with its administration and Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention).
3. Activities will be designed to positively express the need to build awareness regarding the prejudice and discrimination experienced by sexual minority students on a daily basis. Information and resources regarding “The Day of Silence” can be found at: <http://www.dayofsilence.org>
4. GSA sponsors will monitor and support club members and any school based allies, i.e., other collaborating school clubs or individuals, throughout the planning and execution phases of “The Day of Silence” activity.
5. “The Day of Silence” should be used as a tool to affect *positive change*, both personally and community-wide.
6. “The Day of Silence” will be held on one day only (April 11, 2014), unless otherwise approved by school administration and Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention.
7. The activities developed by identified club/s for “The Day of Silence” will in no way interfere with the educational process.



Broward County Schools- "Day of Silence" Registration Form

To be completed by club sponsor, signed by administrator and ponied or emailed to:
The Department of Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention (Att. Dr. Teri S.
Williams) for final approval.

Please go to link identified to read the *organizing manual* provided. This website and resource is the most comprehensive site: <http://www.dayofsilence.org>

1. School Name: _____

2. Name of club/s involved in the "Day of Silence" on April 11: _____

3. Name of sponsor/s organizing event: _____

4. Please describe the activity you will be facilitating during "The Day of Silence".

a. What time of day will event take place? _____

b. *Where*, on your campus, will the event take place? _____

c. How many students will be involved in the implementation of "The Day of Silence"?
(Please provide a list of students who have participated in the planning process for the event. Only those students should participate in the event).

d. Describe your event in detail. Please outline planning process, event and follow-up:

5. Administrative/Designee signature: _____

*Please email of pony signed registration form to: Diversity, Cultural Outreach and Prevention,
Att: Dr. Teri Williams no later than **Wednesday, April 9, 2014.***