

How to Start a Club at Your School



Clubs are a great way to bring people together over a common cause, while also enabling its members to educate others. Starting a club at your school can help engage fellow students and even the greater community!

Starting a new club can vary by school, but the general outline is the same:

1. **Clearly identify your cause**

Set a strong foundation for the club by establishing your mission, purpose, values, and of course your name! Organizations often use this type of outline to quickly inform others about the club and even for members of the club to remember why they work so hard!

2. **Set goals and intentions**

Clearly outline the goals of your club. Set objectives and deadlines to meet these objectives. How will you measure success? What will your members try to accomplish?

3. **Find other students to join the club**

Spread the word! Talk to friends, make announcements, post flyers, or put an ad in the school newspaper! These are all ways to let your fellow school mates know about your new club. Be sure to welcome all interested parties who want to participate, and remember that everyone can contribute to the club meaningfully!

4. **Find a sponsor**

Approach a teacher, coach, or someone from your school administration and ask if they'd be willing to advise your new club. It is helpful to have a sponsor/supervisor who is familiar with the cause, but an adult who is enthusiastic and willing to help the club thrive is great, too!

5. **Hold an inaugural meeting**

Make sure that your first meeting is informational, team-building, and forms the club's goals. The first meeting is a great time to establish the club's purpose, values, and mission (which can always be amended later, if necessary!).

6. **Establish structure within your club early on**

Your club members should determine what type of structure your club will adopt and then vote to elect executive positions such as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A regimented structure helps keep the club organized and efficient. Use these links to help you get started:

- Click [here](#) for an example of a club structure
- Click [here](#) for brief guidelines on drafting a club charter
- Click [here](#) for an example of executive position duties

7. **Stay motivated!**

Starting and maintaining a club may not be easy, but it's worth the work! Sustained effort and continued passion will result in a feeling of pride for yourself, the club, and the cause you're helping.