

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

PROPOSAL OUTLINE FOR CLUB or ORGANIZATION

Club/Organization Name:

Asian Student Alliance

Stipend Requested: Y N → To be determined after UTEA contract negotiations.

Faculty/Staff Advisor Name and Contact Information:

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Proposal: (Simple Statement Regarding club/organization)

"We seek to educate ourselves and others about our countries' diverse cultures, use our voices to speak out against the discrimination we've faced, and make a difference in the community for students like us." – Sonia and Alyssa

Please see the presentation that Sonia and Alyssa created regarding the proposal of the Asian Student Alliance. Their plans are thorough and they are bright students looking to create a relevant, meaningful organization.

Summary: (Summarize how the club/organization will operate, and the target membership.)


Until the return to In Person Learning occurs, the club will operate on a strictly virtual basis. The Asian Student Alliance will be open to all interested students, but will most likely be attended by students from our Asian American Pacific Islander community. The AAPI demographic makes up ~10% of UHS's student body. The club is interested in hosting "Movie Nights" where we screen films or shows from different Asian countries. Students are excited about hosting potluck dinners post-pandemic, to break bread, bridge cultural barriers, and learn about each other's backgrounds. The club meetings will serve as a venue for students to share their experiences, process issues they face, and cultivate a broader sense of community.

Goals: (What are the intended goals and objectives of the club/organization? How does the club/organization support Union High School's mission? What will students learn from the club/organization? What fundraisers is this club/organization planning to organize?)

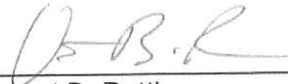
The Asian Student Alliance has goals that are directly aligned with UHS's mission statement. The students' efforts to bring different cultures together and educate the broader UHS population will "foster the development of our students' self-worth, their respect for others, and their cultural sensitivity so that they can positively contribute to their community." Students have outlined organizations that they would fundraise for and donate to, though they acknowledge fundraising will be difficult until after the pandemic. Organizations like CAAAY and Sakhi for South Asian Women have been identified by the students as possible recipients of any funds raised.

Conclusion:

The Asian Student Alliance will serve as an organization to make our world smaller and allow students to cultivate a sense of community. By bringing students together from different cultural backgrounds, providing a venue for open discourse for the issues facing them today, and setting up the infrastructure to host Educational and Cultural Events, the Asian Student Alliance will be an active and engaged institution within UHS and Union Township. Thank you for your consideration.

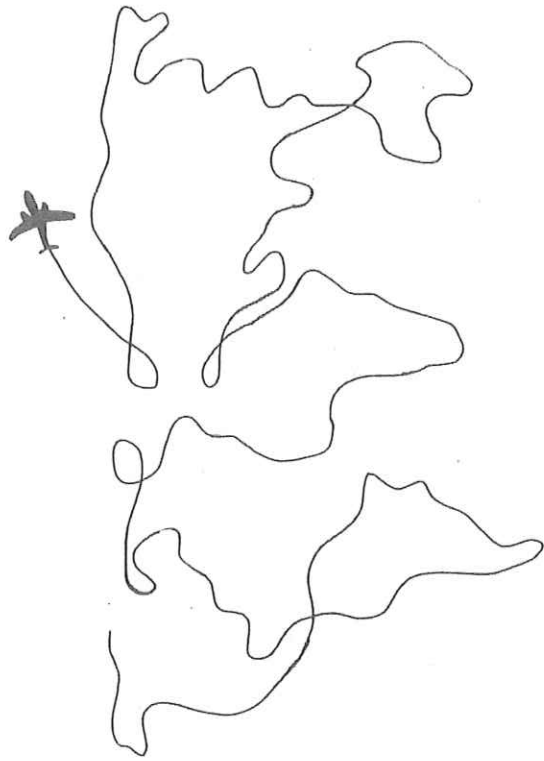


Mark C. Hoyt, Interim Principal



Vincent B. Rettino, Administrator of Student Activities

This Proposal Outline must be signed by both the student leader(s) and faculty/staff advisor. Please submit this form via email to the Vice-Principal in charge of Student Activities, Mr. Rettino at vrettino@twpunionschools.org. You will be notified via email of the Board of Education's decision after the next board meeting.



Club Proposal:

Asian Student Alliance

By: Sonia Shah and Alyssa Nunag

Our Inspiration

Asian communities have been isolated, with each group feeling a sense of pride for their own country. Though having a sense of pride for one's mother country is integral, it has allowed others to make incorrect assumptions about different groups, discriminate against us as individuals, and have a sense of prejudice towards us. For ages, there has been constant inequity and prejudice against Asians. From remarks that may seem innocent and playful by those around us, to outright attacks against us, the Asian community still experiences prejudice, discrimination, and belittling. Asians from various different countries can come together. We seek to educate ourselves and others about our countries' diverse cultures, use our voices to speak out against the discrimination we've faced, and make a difference in the community for students like us.

P u r p o s e

This club is meant to be an outlet for Asians to educate others about the culture of their mother country, and bring awareness to issues we face as a community. Our goal is to bring together Asian communities, advocate for our members, confront harmful stigmas about our cultures, and invoke a of collective sense of pride for our students. We will discuss global topics and propose plans on how to help those in our own community/town/country, as well as how to help those overseas suffering through racism, poverty, natural disasters, etc.



What's Our Plan?

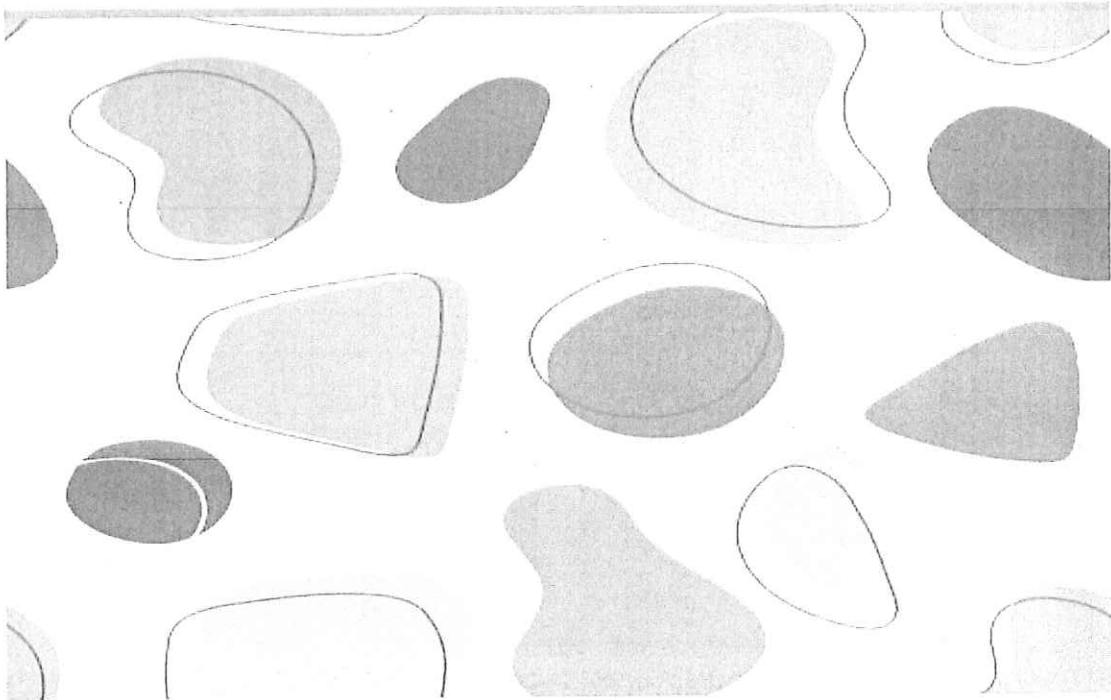
We have various activities planned for our club members. We want to keep members of the Asian Student Alliance united and active, not only in our local community, but with larger organizations. For now, we intend to meet and discuss any pressing issues in the lives of our members regarding racial discrimination, problems in their mother country, and things they feel need to be changed/implemented in our community. We will host movie nights in which the club can watch movies and shows from different Asian countries through zoom and other streaming applications. Moreover, when we are able to effectively fundraise again, we want to be able to keep half of the profits we make for the club, and donate the other half to organizations we collectively feel are important, for instance the CAAAV, Sakhi, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, etc. After quarantine is over, we'd also like to host a potluck in which members bring dishes from their native countries to allow others to experience different cultures. We will be creating a calendar of activities we'd like to accomplish each month

When Will We Meet/ Who's Our Advisor?

Our club will meet once every two weeks, and our club advisor is Mr. Kerkhof! Mr. Kerkhof is a physics teacher who constantly advocates to have more diversity in the STEM field. Because of this, we feel he will understand members of the club on a deeper level and will be able to help us achieve our goals. We would like to see what days are the most comfortable with potential club members as well as Mr. Kerkhof via google forms (attached below), so as to ensure optimal attendance, and to make sure we have as much participation as possible.

The Google Form that will be sent out to our members:

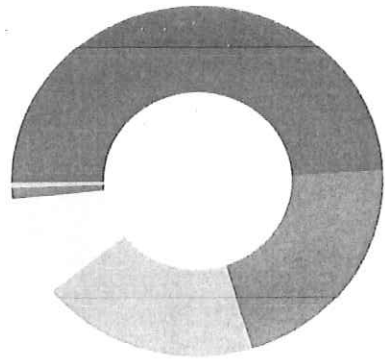
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Benefits for UHS Students

As depicted in the chart to the right, Asians make up 9% of our student body. Seeing as though we are a minority in our school, it is imperative that we have this club. This club will allow for students to feel as though they are apart of a community, and will bring students together as we educate those around us about our culture. Students won't feel as alone, and will know they have a community of people ready to embrace them and their culture, which is very important, especially now as we live in a world where there is so much discrimination. Our goal is to decrease hate and prejudice through education, and hopefully eliminate any existing stereotypes there may be about Asian students.

Student Diversity:



ETHNICITY/RACE

Black

Hispanic

White

Asian

Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander

Two or More Races

American Indian/Alaskan Native



**Thank you for your time
and consideration!**

We look forward to hearing back from you!



