

In today's fast-paced world, public high school campuses are more than just places of education—they are communities filled with young people seeking purpose, identity, and hope. As students navigate academic pressures, social challenges, and personal growth, many are hungry for spiritual connection and meaningful relationships. This is where the vision of the Adventist Public High School Network (APHSN) comes to life.

The Quick Start Guide for Starting an After-School Bible Club was created to equip students, sponsors, and local churches with a simple, strategic path to establish a Christ-centered presence on public school campuses. Grounded in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to share God's love with the world, this guide serves as a bridge—connecting students who attend public high schools with opportunities for fellowship, faith development, and campus influence.

The Adventist Public High School Network exists to support and empower Adventist students who do not attend denominational schools but still desire to live boldly for Christ. This guide is a tangible expression of that support. Whether you're a student ready to lead, a sponsor ready to serve, or a church ready to engage, this guide will help you get started—quickly, confidently, and prayerfully.

May this resource spark revival, build friendships, and lead many students to know Jesus more deeply. It's time to claim public high school campuses as mission fields—because every student matters, and every school deserves a witness.

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## The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22: 37-40





Commission
Matthew 28: 18–20

Make disciples by the power of Jesus!



## Why should I care?

Many students in your school are facing challenges, and you have the opportunity to be a positive influence. The Bible calls followers of Jesus to be agents of hope and healing in their communities.

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### The Great Community

Acts 1:8

Begin in:

Jerusalem { People and Judea { close to you

Then go to:

Samaria { and the ends of the earth People outside your circle of friends

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Mingle

Discover the many ways you can get involved both during and after school. What kinds of activities will you join?

Sympathize

Notice your classmates. Is someone feeling lonely, new to town, from another country (perhaps a refugee), hurt, sad, anxious, or fearful? Sit with them. Share your lunch. Let them know you're there for them. This is a ministry of presence. Be a good listener.

#### Serve

Jesus showed compassion — and then He acted. He healed, helped, and uplifted. In what ways can you serve those around you? A kind word, a helping hand, a listening ear — small acts can make a big difference.

But how do I make disciples at my school?

#### Be a Friend

Show love and care every day. When you're kind and consistent, people learn they can trust you.

#### Invite

Invite your friends to follow Christ.

Want ideas on how to do this? Keep reading this guide to discover simple ways to share Jesus at your school.



### Pray

Ephesians 6:18
reminds us: "Pray in
the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers
and requests..."

God possesses resources, wisdom, and power far beyond human capability. He alone can make your efforts truly fruitful. Why not start by prayer walking your school? Invite others to join you and cover your campus in prayer.



#### **PEERS**

Among your classmates, gather a few friends who share your vision and are willing to help organize and participate in the club.



## "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecc 4:12

#### Partner

To launch a Bible club, you'll need support from both your church and your school:



#### SCHOOL

At school, you'll need a sponsor such as a teacher, counselor, or coach who can help you navigate school policies and logistics.