

Dear Faculty Advisor,

Welcome to [Project Override](#), the [Organization for Social Media Safety](#) high school student club program. Thank you so much for stepping up and leading your community toward a safer and more supportive environment within your school, online, and beyond. You are playing a critical role in helping students develop safer habits and navigate the landscape of social media with a true understanding of their use.

The Organization for Social Media Safety is a 501(c)(3) and the first and only consumer protection organization focused specifically on social media users. Founded in 2017, we passed the nation's first law addressing social media-motivated violence, and have helped pass local, state, and federal laws across the country since then. We operate through four primary tenets: advocacy, technology, education, and research, using the evidence we collect on the ground to inform our work.

Project Override is intended to be a student-led initiative. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Manager & any other roles your chapter chooses to include) is expected to take the initiative to plan meetings and coordinate amongst themselves to run the club throughout the year.

However, Faculty Advisors play an essential role in ensuring this program runs safely and smoothly. Below are a few considerations you should be aware of in agreeing to serve in this role:

- 1. Faculty Advisors Serve as Mandatory Reporters:** If at any point in the year you learn of any mention of a student's intent to harm themselves or someone else, you are required to report the incident to school administration and any necessary authorities, as dictated by school or district policy. Advisors should be aware that students may feel more comfortable disclosing sensitive experiences in the context of a club focused on online safety, precisely because the topic has been normalized as a discussion topic. This is, in many ways, a sign that the program is working – but it means advisors must be prepared.
- 2. Faculty Advisors Oversee & Co-Sign Essential Documents & Decisions:** There are a few key touchpoints throughout the year, including our Fall Registration, Mid-Year Report, and End-of-Year Report which Faculty Advisors will be required to co-sign and verify. Students may ask for your help in completing these forms and gathering key figures. Critical decisions, such as the removal of a member for violation of the Code of Conduct, election of members to Executive positions, or large purchases using the chapter account, will require advisor signatures for verification. Any document of this kind should be filed for recordkeeping.

- 3. Faculty Advisors are Expected to Attend All Meetings or Confirm Alternate Supervision:** This program requires adult supervision at every meeting, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every participant. Chapters benefit from the attendance of one consistent supervisor, but in the case that you are unable to attend, we expect an alternate adult (such as another staff or faculty member) to attend.
- 4. Faculty Advisors Liaise Between the Chapter & School Administration:** Faculty Advisors are expected to serve as intermediaries between the Executive Committee and school administration, primarily in helping to coordinate any necessary permissions for club activities and approving any club decisions about which school administration may be concerned.
- 5. Faculty Advisors Facilitate the Conflict Resolution Process:** To ensure a safe, fair dynamic for the conflict resolution process, it must be led by a trustworthy adult, not a student who might show bias toward a specific participant in the conflict. See the Conflict Resolution Policy for more details.

If you're ready to proceed with representing your school as the Advisor of your Project Override chapter, the next steps are as follows:

- 1. Complete the Fall Registration Form.**
- 2. Schedule a meeting** with the students and the OFSMS point of contact to coordinate the details of the launch process, especially the official recognition of the club by school administration.
- 3. Coordinate a consistent meeting day and time** that you are available with the students leading the launch. Your attendance is a critical component of the club's ability to meet, and must be accounted for in planning the meeting cadence.

From that point forward, the program should be primarily student-led, with your crucial oversight. You may be brought in to support the Executive Committee as they plan programming for the year or encounter obstacles along the way, but should not be leading the initiative yourself.

Your point of contact for the 2026-2027 school year is below – feel free to reach out any time you have questions, comments, or concerns. We are excited to hear from you and learn from your on-the-ground insights.

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