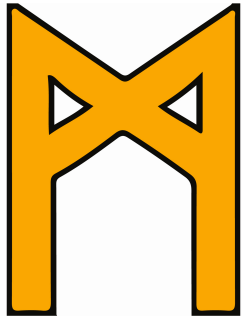


# PROJECT VINÁTTA

## Lago Vista ISD's No Place for Hate® Initiative

The No Place for Hate® initiative from the Anti-Defamation League provides schools and communities with an organizing framework for combating bias, bullying, and hatred, leading to long-term solutions for creating and maintaining a positive climate. It is Lago Vista ISD's goal to become a No Place for Hate® district by creating student coalitions on all four campuses in 2017-2018.



**Name:** Vinátta is the Viking term for *friendship*.

**Symbol:** This symbol is the Norse rune of humankind, *Mannaz*. It symbolizes all of humanity, joined together for the purposes of attaining a common goal. This ancient symbol represents the gifts, talents, and abilities of people and signifies the dearness of human beings to one another. It reminds us to value those around us – and that family, friends, and community are crucial to happiness. Our shared humanity should unite us in developing patience and compassion.

### No Place for Hate® Campus Designation

To earn the No Place for Hate® campus designation, students and staff commit to creating a student-led coalition, signing the Resolution of Respect, and hosting at least three activities throughout the year. These student-led activities must focus on valuing diversity, encouraging respect for others, empowering the community to eradicate bullying, and cultivating the virtue of tolerance.

### Campus-Wide Signing of the Resolution of Respect

As part of the designation process, students on the campus must participate in signing the No Place for Hate® Resolution of Respect in which students pledge to do their best to combat prejudice, promote respect for people, and make commitments to creating communities of harmony.

### Student-Led Coalitions

The purpose of the student-led coalitions is to **empower students to lead their peers** in building an inclusive and safe learning community in which respect is the goal and all students can thrive.

The student coalitions will brainstorm and lead No Place for Hate® activities for each campus. In order to earn the No Place for Hate® designation, a minimum of three campus-wide activity ideas must be submitted to the Austin ADL by October 15, 2017. Activities must first address school-based issues with a campus-wide impact. Student activities must occur throughout the year and have a goal to honor diversity, foster harmony, and promote respect for individual and group differences.

### What does approval mean?

Campuses that earn the designation receive a No Place For Hate® banner with the campus' name and designation year, as well as permission to utilize the official No Place For Hate® logo. The customized banners will be awarded to campus and Project Vinátta leaders at a Board of Trustees meeting. This process must be repeated each year, which will help this important initiative to be an ongoing and integral part of how we operate in Lago Vista ISD.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LAGO VISTA ISD IN BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS WHERE ALL STUDENTS FEEL VALUED!**