

# FCA Huddles on and off public school campuses

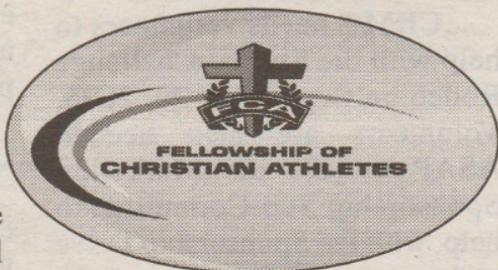
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The Federal Equal Access law of 1984 gave Christian athletes in public schools the opportunity to meet in formal groups on campus like other clubs do.

One organization that is benefiting from that law is Fellowship of Christian Athletes. According to Sondra Herold, FCA Representative for the Omaha Metro, the local organization currently has 20-25 Huddles in Omaha middle schools, high schools, colleges and adult chapters.

Not all FCA Huddles meet on public school campuses, but those that do must be student led and have at least one adult Huddle coach, sometimes called a facilitator. Any student wishing to lead a huddle must first complete an application and submit it to the FCA. The FCA then either approves or denies the student's request.

Bob Williams is the Huddle coach at Papillion-La Vista South High School. He is also the boys cross country coach and the head track coach at PLVS. This past school year, Bethany Larson and Mitch Friehe were two of the student



leaders at PLVS, which has a group of 20-30 people. Williams said that they both did a great job.

Having good student leaders is especially important for FCA huddles because they actually do lead the meetings.

"The kids plan the meetings," Williams said. "They decide whether we're going to do a fun night in the gym or more of a serious night."

Williams sees three purposes for Huddles. "One is fellowship. It's a chance for Christian athletes on the campus to get together," he said. "Another purpose would be outreach on the campus. And the other one would be some sort of study—getting into the Bible."

For those interested in starting a Huddle in your school, the Nebraska FCA ([www.nebraskafca.org](http://www.nebraskafca.org)) and the national FCA ([www.fca.org](http://www.fca.org)) have information on their websites about how to do so. †