

What is the Technology Student Association?

The Technology Student Association prepares today's students for tomorrow's world. TSA's mission is to inspire its student members to plan for careers in a technology-driven economy and culture.

Involvement in TSA benefits teachers as well as students. Relating class activities to local, regional, state and national technology oriented competitive events can be highly motivational for students. The natural interaction between teachers and students provides an excellent learning environment, and an interest in working toward common goals.

The Technology Student Association is a non-profit national student organization, dedicated exclusively to middle and high school students interested in technology education. TSA is recognized by the U.S. Dept of Education, state education agencies, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the International Technology Education Association and the National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organizations.

Who Are TSA's Members?

TSA's membership includes over 150,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states.

TSA's members

- are students from different races and ethnic backgrounds, with different grade point averages and outlooks.
- have an interest in technology and a desire to be a part of a team with common goals.
- have taken, or are currently taking, a class in technology.

Why Start a TSA Chapter?

Most TSA advisors are not involved exclusively with TSA. Many also coach, are class advisors, and work on other school activities. So why do they also advise a TSA chapter? Most would tell you that they do so because they feel TSA gives its members

- leadership opportunities
- teamwork experience
- excellent competitions, and
- a sense of belonging to a group.

Benefits of a TSA Chapter

Competitive Events: Your chapter may work on TSA competitions in different venues: just within your school or beyond your building, at the state and national level.

Leadership Opportunities: Leadership training may be offered through the state TSA organization, and it is offered annually through national TSA. Officers are elected at the chapter level, state level and the national level.

Conferences: State and national conferences are an excellent way to expand your TSA experience. They provide a setting for exciting competitions as well as an opportunity to meet students and advisors from other schools with similar interests.

School Scene: TSA's newsletter is published four times a year and is available in print and on the TSA website.

TSA Website: www.tsaweb.org TSA maintains a website with up to date information about the organization and links to resources as well as ideas about how to strengthen your chapter.

How Much Time Does It Take?

There is no question that being an advisor for a TSA chapter (or any other student activity) takes time and commitment. How much time is a function of several variables.

Co-curricular or extra-curricular. TSA is designed so that it can be a part of a technology classroom or a before/after school activity.

Program of work. This is the basis of chapter activities for the year. The program of work can accommodate the amount of time the advisor and members are willing to devote to the endeavor. Considerations for the program of work include competitions, fundraising if needed, a service project, and social events.

Organization. Organizing your technology program around TSA can actually save time. TSA is designed to be student run through elected officers – this is often a great classroom management tool.

How Much Does It Cost?

TSA offers two ways to affiliate – individual membership and CAP (Chapter Affiliation Program) membership.

Individual membership is best for small chapters or large chapters of dedicated students. Each member pays a national membership fee of \$9 (plus applicable state and local dues of a few dollars) and receives a copy of all student mailings (sent to the advisor).

Large chapters should consider the CAP program, which allows chapters to affiliate on a "flat fee" basis with an unlimited number of students. CAP membership is effective in schools where students join TSA as they rotate through a technology education class for a portion of the year. CAP chapters pay a national membership fee (plus applicable state and local dues) and receive forty copies of all student mailings.

View current dues at www.tsaweb.org. Click on "Join TSA" and then on "Affiliation Program and Dues."



Please add me to your database to receive membership information for the school year 2006/2007.

Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

School phone: _____

Home phone: _____

Fax: _____

Complete and mail or fax to: Technology Student Association, 1914 Association Drive Reston, VA 20191-1540, Phone: 703/860-9000, Fax: 703/758-4852

Curriculum Integration

TSA's Technology Activities Guides are updated biennially by a committee of technology educators. These popular and affordable publications not only describe each competitive event that TSA sponsors but also provide explicit criteria for evaluating student performance in each activity. The activities are complete lesson plans and each one is correlated with the *Standards for Technological Literacy*.

Students can work individually or as a team in such areas as cyberspace technologies, dragster design, flight challenges, CADD with 3D modeling, desktop publishing, extemporaneous speaking and scientific visualization.



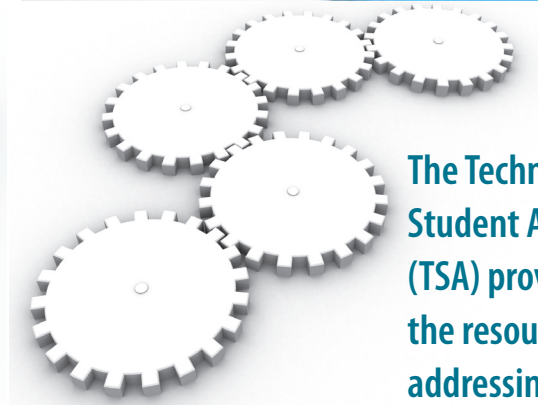
"If you are looking for a way to energize your technology program, TSA is it!"
Steve Price, Riverdale High School, Georgia

Would you like to...

Increase enrollment in your class?

Motivate your students?

Focus on content rather than discipline?



The Technology Student Association (TSA) provides the resources for addressing these issues and more! Learn how becoming a TSA advisor can enhance your teaching experience.

