

For the Student

As a student, you should spend some looking at the competitive events. A list of the competitive events and a brief description of each can be found on the TSA website at www.tsaweb.org and the Spanish Fort Middle School TSA web page. You should pick at least two events to concentrate on and at least one back-up event. You should also think of other students that might want to join TSA to help you with your events.



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For the Parents

TSA allows you to have some interaction with your child and their events. Though you can't complete their activities for them, you can offer advice and encouragement while promoting higher levels of thinking.

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Technology Student Association



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Introduction

Spanish Fort Middle School is very proud of its student-run Technology Student Association (TSA). Students in TSA can enter competitive technology events on a district and state level. The SFMS TSA Chapter has entered and won many events since its inception. Students currently enrolled in a technology class at Spanish Fort Middle School are encouraged to join. For more information on SFMS TSA please visit our chapter website at:

<https://www.bcbe.org/domain/3652>

What is TSA

TSA is a Department of Education encouraged student organization designed to enhance technology education programs, build confidence, provide extra-curricular activities and foster leadership skills for students. It is difficult to completely describe TSA because the organization offers something different to every student who dedicates their time and effort to the activities. Our goals are to have fun, do our very best, and try to create the best TSA chapter we can.

TSA members meet once a week after school to work on individual and team competitive events and activities as well as learning the rules and constitution of the organization. In addition, the technology lab can be available before and after school, when arranged beforehand with the instructor. This way all members can take advantage of the equipment to prepare for their events.



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Fees and Expenses

There is a non-refundable membership fee that will cover the cost of State and National TSA dues. Only members who are listed on the national TSA roster are eligible to compete at any of the conferences. The remainder of the fee will help to offset the cost of materials related to competitive events throughout the year.

There are additional cost for travel expenses to attend conferences and competitions based on the location and length of stay. The cost covers registration fees, round-trip bus travel, and lodging. Students will need additional money for food and official TSA attire. There are two events throughout the year. There is a county competition in March, in this competition students will compete against other TSA participants across Baldwin County. Sometimes when two students or teams from SFMS want to compete in the same competition students will battle it out here. The other is the State

Competition in April in Birmingham, AL. Students are required to compete in at least one event, and no more than four. Also, due to the financial obligations included in TSA, we will try to have fundraisers throughout the year to help offset travel costs!

Requirements

TSA is open to any student at SFMS. However, there are some minimum requirements that must be met prior to enrollment and to maintain an active status within our chapter. Students who cannot meet these standards will not be allowed to participate in club meetings or competitive events.

Prior to enrollment students must have:

1. "C" average or better
2. Clean behavioral record with no long-standing history of poor judgment

After enrollment students must maintain:

1. "C" average or better with no D's or F's

Behavior

TSA students are expected to come to meetings prepared to work. If a student is disruptive or is not working on their event during chapter meetings and open lab hours, they will be asked to leave the lab for that time. If these actions continue, they may be asked to leave on a more permanent basis. In addition, TSA members travel to competitions twice during the school year. Students with a history of poor judgment/behavior during school hours or club meetings will not be allowed to travel. We will not tolerate any behavior that jeopardizes anyone's safety or the reputations of our chaperones and/or our school. Any student found acting in an inappropriate manner will be sent home at the parents' expense; this topic is not negotiable or up for discussion.

