

## **TSA STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION SHEET**



Dear Students and Parents,

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a semester class AND club this year. The class is only open for rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The club is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. TSA students are required to work hard and challenge themselves in many different competition categories. According to the TSA national website, “The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national, non-profit career and technical student organization (CTSO) of middle and high school students who are engaged in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Since TSA was chartered in 1978, almost 4,000,000 student members have participated through competitions, intracurricular activities, leadership opportunities, community service, and more.”

### **Students interested in joining TSA, must meet these requirements:**

- ✓ \$30 club fee (includes state, national affiliation dues and club t-shirt)
- ✓ Excellent behavior during club meetings.
- ✓ Excellent work ethic.
- ✓ Dedication to putting in the time during meetings to complete competitions.

**COVID-19:** Due to COVID-19 we have not received anything yet as far as competition information from the state or county. However, at the national level they have put out some virtual events. I believe the state will follow and we will most likely have a virtual state competition. As for the county level, the county TSA sponsors will meet sometime this year and I will let you know what comes of that meeting.

### **TSA events last year:**

- Club meetings: Wednesdays 3:05-4:30 p.m. (beginning in October)
- Officer elections: October 2020
- Club fee due: November 2020
- Parent Meeting: December 2020
- County Competition: TBD
- State Competition: TBD in Birmingham, AL
- Fundraising throughout the year to assist with travel and entry expenses for student projects

SFMS TSA website: <https://www.bcbe.org/domain/3652>

Alabama TSA website: <https://alabamatsa.rocks/>

National TSA website: <http://tsaweb.org/>

TSA students are required to attend the county and state competition. Students are required to participate in a minimum of one event and a maximum of four events. If you have any questions or comments about TSA participation, please contact one of the TSA sponsors below:

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