

Technology Student Association



Mission Statement

The Technology Student Association fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs.

Goals of Technology Education as it relates to TSA

Because technology is an integral part of the American culture, it is necessary for schools to provide students with an appreciation and understanding of the role and dynamics of technology in our society.

Technology springs from the human abilities to reason, solve problems, create, construct, and use materials imaginatively. The study of technology, integrated into the school curricula, promotes the development of these abilities and prepares students for a fulfilled and responsible adulthood.

Technology education goals at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, focus on students acquiring specific abilities and perspectives.

1. Through the use of tools, materials, and the design and technology process, student learning at the elementary level will be enhanced and contribute to overall personal development and technological awareness.
2. Students at the middle school level will gain a greater understanding of technology's role in contemporary society, including future career opportunities and related programs of study.
3. Technological skills and knowledge attained by students at the high school level will yield occupational readiness, consumer awareness, and personal enrichment.
4. Student members of the Technology Student Association (TSA) will develop leadership skills, pride in work well done, and high standards of technical ability, scholarship, and safety.

What is TSA?

Purposes

The Technology Student Association's constitution identifies the general and specific purposes of TSA.

TSA provides opportunities for **LEADERSHIP** development and training. Through individual and group action, members develop the ability to plan, organize, and carry out worthy activities and projects together. Emphasis is placed on social development, civic consciousness, scholastic motivation, and community involvement.

TSA promotes **TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION** in the school, community, state, and nation. Members help technology education become ever more viable and effective as an integral part of the total education system.

TSA increases the **KNOWLEDGE** and broadens the understanding of its members. Members better understand the technical society in which we live by becoming aware and informed of new developments in technology.

TSA inspires students to **RESPECT** the dignity of technology in our society. Members learn to cooperate in order to obtain quality results in individual and chapter activities and projects.

TSA encourages scholastic **MOTIVATION** in its members. By providing opportunities to integrate and use the knowledge and skills of other educational disciplines, members become interested in learning.

TSA assists members in making informed and meaningful career **CHOICES**. Members receive career information and instruction pertaining to a broad range of occupations through general program activities and local guidance and counseling. Career awareness is accomplished through exploratory experiences in classrooms, laboratories, and observations in business and industry.

TSA and the School

TSA chapter activities are an integral part of the school technology education program and provide added dimension to school/community activities. TSA activities enhance the instructor's means of creating technology related challenges that benefit the student. TSA increases the opportunity for individual student growth and participation in an educational environment. Some benefits to the school are that TSA

- promotes, expands, and improves the total technology education program.
- creates additional means of developing student interest in broad-based learning.
- promotes the school, with visibility provided through school and community projects.
- provides opportunities for students to integrate learning experiences from other instructional areas.

TSA and the Student

TSA students have common objectives and interests. Each is learning about his or her role in our technological society. TSA activities can have a tremendous effect upon the attitudes, growth, and development of each member. Some of the benefits that each student derives from TSA are

- learning from leadership training.
- developing and increasing individual civic pride, responsibility, and involvement.
- participating in service activities and projects for the benefit of others.
- the opportunity for individual growth, development, and maturation according to one's own interests and abilities.
- involvement in projects for one's chapter, school, community, and self.
- meeting and working with leaders from business, industry, and the community to gain additional career information and exposure.
- participating in local, state, and national conferences.
- learning how to share with others--by leading, following, and making decisions that affect oneself and other members.
- sharing in all the benefits and membership services provided through local, state, and national membership affiliation.