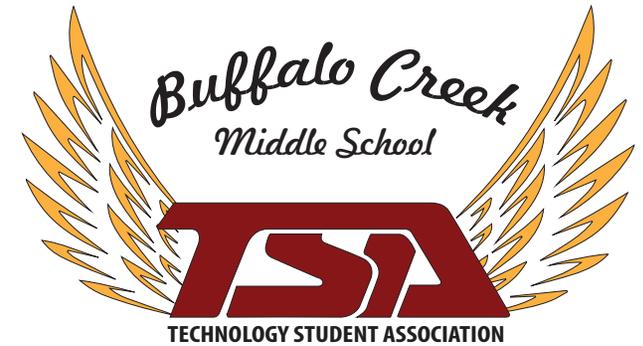


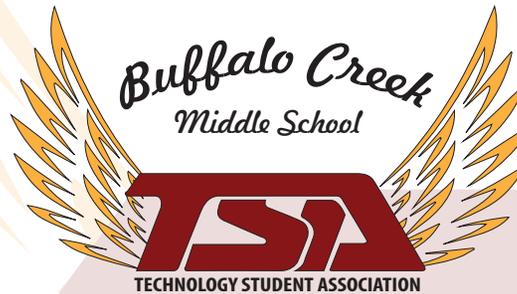
For the Student

As a student, you should spend some time 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 Buffalo Creek 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.



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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Introduction

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

<https://www.manateeschools.net/Page/6803>

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 before hand with the instructor. This way all members can take advantage of the equipment to prepare for their events.



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 four events throughout the year. There is a Leadership conference in the fall for students interested in becoming an officer, a one-day local district competition in the Winter, the main state competition in Spring, and the national competition in the summer. Conferences are **optional** unless a student wants to become a chapter officer.

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 BCMS. 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
2. Clean behavioral record with no level 2 or 3 referrals or suspensions.

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 often travel to competitions and stay overnight. Students with a history of poor judgment in behavior will not be allowed to travel. We will not tolerate any behavior that jeopardizes anyone's safety or the reputation's 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.

