



Texas High School

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs and student organizations are a vital part of Texas High School, and students are encouraged to become involved. Educational statistics prove that students who are involved in clubs and extracurricular activities make better grades and are more likely to succeed in life after high school. Colleges and businesses closely examine the level of student involvement in clubs and organizations when determining admission, scholarships or employment.

At Texas High School, clubs and organizations are offered to all students. The information listed below will assist students in deciding which clubs to join. The goal of all clubs and extracurricular organizations at Texas High School is to help each student become involved and realize his/her potential.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CLUB

Sponsor: **Britni Huggins**

The focus of the American Sign Language (ASL) Club is to enhance students' knowledge through personal interaction, games, and complete immersion into the culture. Students will help increase awareness about Deaf culture and their struggles around campus and in the community. ASL Club meets twice a month for at least an hour to allow ample time for handling club business and enjoyable open communication. Officers are elected through silent ballot. Dues are assessed for ordering t-shirts, planning festivals, and creating pamphlets and posters in efforts to gain awareness, acceptance, and appreciation for a new culture. Students must be enrolled in ASL classes or have a true desire to learn and enjoy using a new language.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: **Britni Huggins**

The primary mission of the ASL National Honor Society is to encourage and recognize high academic achievement in ASL studies for high school students. Like honor societies for other languages the ASLHS seeks to enrich the overall learning experience of those studying ASL.

AP AMBASSADORS

Sponsor: **Charlotte Leon**

The mission of the AP Ambassadors is to promote and encourage awareness of AP and DC course enrollment and participation starting in the early years. AP Ambassadors help encourage students from all demographics to push themselves in higher level courses. Students will participate in registration sessions and provide personal testimonies about the importance of AP/DC courses which have helped them prepare for the future.

ART CLUB

Sponsor: Shea Phillips

The Art Club is open to all students interested in expanding their knowledge and expression in the Visual Arts. Students are able to seek personal enrichment by working together in creating art and experiencing artwork in the museum setting. The club offers a scholarship for seniors who plan to further their career in the Visual Arts. Art Club members elect officers and meet monthly throughout the school year. Dues are assessed.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Sponsors: Forestt Bridges & Rachel Carley

This club promotes unity among members enrolled in the Sports Medicine classes at THS by primarily focusing on members of ATSO, but not excluding non-members. The organization further develops the athletic training, organization, leadership and teamwork skills of its members while promoting the athletic training profession through community service.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

Sponsors: Deborah Mills & Chad Evans

The Business Professionals of America is the service and social club that provides students with career information and helps build better citizens. Membership is open to all current and former business education students.

BYTE CLUB

Sponsor: Mark Ahrens

A technology club that facilitates a fun and creative atmosphere in which students can obtain and share ideas on technology and skills. The primary focus is to gain experience in working with current and trending tools that will foster new ideas on improving (or in some cases, creating) technologies. Membership is open to any student with an interest in developing new and exciting ideas.

CALCULUS CLUB

Sponsor: Rhonda Johnson

The Calculus Club is open to any student enrolled in AP Calculus. The club offers its members the opportunity to socialize with other students involved in the study of calculus. Through this socialization, members form study groups and learn to work as a team. The club sponsors "Pi Day" each spring to encourage the study of mathematics for all students at THS. No dues are required.

CHESS CLUB

Sponsor: Abraham Onare

The Chess Club encourages a fun and challenging club where students are given the opportunity to share, learn and participate in unique strategies and lessons concerning the game of chess.

DEBATE CLUB

Sponsor: Amy Kemp

The Debate Club is a speech organization that encourages academic ability. Students learn the skills of researching, organizing, listening, speaking and planning. High ethical standards are expected as students represent Texas High School in UIL speech events such as policy debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, persuasive and informative speaking. Debate Club is open to those enrolled in Debate I or those having completed Debate I. Dues are assessed on an annual basis.

DECA

Sponsor: Pam Hamilton

DECA is a national association of marketing education program that allows teachers and members with educational and leadership development activities to merge with the education instructional program. DECA develops a respect for education, marketing, and distribution; encourages the use of high ethical standards in business; and allows practical application of marketing knowledge through competition and through social and professional student-centered events. DECA is available for all students that have taken any business class such as marketing, entrepreneurship, BCIS, and accounting. Several other business classes are available on campus to qualify. While DECA membership consists primarily of students in marketing programs, membership extends also to alumni and to professionals in marketing education and in marketing teacher education. DECA students get the chance to attend leadership conferences such as Maverick Day, Stars Day and District Leadership training. Competition begins each spring in Texarkana with all district winners advancing to State competition. State winners qualify not only for a letterman jacket, but the chance to compete at the International level. DECA can open students' eyes to the world of marketing. State and national dues are assessed.

FASHION CLUB

Sponsor: Emily Munn

A student organization for young men and women in high school to promote fashion, personal growth, and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Involvement in Fashion Club offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication. Projects hosting fashion shows on campus and in the community.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Sponsor: Jeff Harrell

The Fellowship of Christian Students is an interdenominational organization of students who enjoy and take part in the Texas High School inter-school sports programs as participants or spectators. The purpose of the fellowship is to prepare students and teachers for challenges and adventures of active participation in school life through modeling for others. No local dues are assessed. Membership in the national organization is optional.

FRENCH CLUB

Sponsor: Maryann Fricks

French Club gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the French culture. Students will seek personal enrichment by participating in activities related to the French culture and become lifelong learners by sharing these experiences with family and community.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

Sponsor: Kim Spaulding

FFA is not a "club." It is one of three integral components of an agricultural education program: classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experience and life skills. THS students who are enrolled in at least one of many agricultural education classes are eligible for membership in this national organization. The National FFA organization and the Texas High School FFA Chapter is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

GRAPHIC ARTS

Sponsor: Cindy Snell

Provides a venue for students to share and gain knowledge of the use of graphic arts in today's society.

GREEN TEAM

Sponsor: Jessica Sharp

The Green Team is the first ecology organization of THS. Officers are selected each spring who will lead the members in environmental networking with the City of Texarkana Texas—Waste Management. Students will also develop educational displays and presentations as they assist the THS Student Council during "Heart Week."

HEALTH OCCUPATION STUDENTS OF AMERICA

Sponsors: Joe Nolen & Renee Reed

The Health Occupation Students of America organization is designed to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program.

HISTORY CLUB

Sponsor: Lance Kyles

A student-centered club where members involve themselves in history related projects throughout the year including C-SPAN's Student Cam Competition, National History Day, Black History Month, Constitution Day, and President's Day. Additionally, the club serves to promote historical awareness on campus and in the community.

HORTICULTURE CLUB

Sponsor: Kim Spaulding

The club helps to gain an appreciation of all horticulture fields while sharing with fellow students and our community the importance of horticulture for today's world while integrating what is learned for the benefit of our district.

INTERACT CLUB

Sponsor: Jenny Walker

Interact is a club for students who want to connect with others in their community or school. Interact Club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Two service projects are completed each year - one to benefit the community and one to encourage international understanding. THS Interact Club partners with the Oaklawn Rotary Club of Texarkana and works with other Interact Clubs in the Texarkana area.

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

Sponsor: Melissa Newton

The purpose of the International Thespian Society is to honor student achievement and excellence in the field of Drama. The organization also serves as a yardstick by which students can measure their achievements, and a catalyst to inspire dedication to the art and craft of theatre.

KEY CLUB

Sponsor: **Rachel Epley**

The Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities. Any student in grades 9-12 is eligible for membership. Key Club International is an organization of individual Key Clubs and is funded by nominal dues paid by every member. The Key Club motto is “Caring – Our Way of Life.”

MU ALPHA THETA

Sponsor: **Karen Russell**

A student-centered club that actively promotes the learning of mathematics through technology driven, interactive hands-on activities using Geometer’s Sketchpad software, SimCity 4 interactive gaming software and calculator applications.

MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Sponsor: **Alejandra Hernandez**

The Multicultural Club is designed for students to embrace their cultures and traditions with other students with similar backgrounds and with students that are interested in learning about other cultures. The students design unique events and fundraisers that represent their culture.

MUSIC INSPIRES CHARACTER (MIC) CLUB

Sponsor: **Brittney Crowell**

MIC Club motivates students towards leadership and overall academic success through perfecting the craft of hip hop in various aspects including but not limited to: production, composition, promotion, performance, free-styling, dance, and stepping.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: **Debbie Nicholas**

National Art Honor Society is a program to inspire and recognize students with outstanding ability and a keen interest in the visual arts. We will further creative abilities and talents of the Society’s members, as well as the school’s entire student art enrollment. The National Art Honor Society will bring art to the attention of the school and the community and further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school’s total program.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: **Holly Mooneyham**

The B. B. Lawson Chapter of the National Honor Society was founded with the purpose of recognizing and encouraging academic achievement. This service organization helps in the development of other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These characteristics include service, leadership, and character. The purpose of the organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in individuals. The election and induction into membership is set by the local chapter’s constitution in accordance with the national division of National Honor Society. All current students, in grades 10 – 12, who have maintained at least a 90% unweighted cumulative GPA are eligible for consideration into membership. Elections and formal induction ceremonies are conducted in the spring.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB (ODAC)

Sponsor: Kim Spaulding

The Outdoor Adventure Club (ODAC) exists to unite a common bond among students interested in outdoor activities. ODAC provides opportunities for students to develop outdoor skills through educational, social and recreational activities. ODAC fosters a respect for the outdoors while promoting high standards of outdoor skills and outdoor safety. Membership is open to all students at THS. Membership dues are assessed.

PERFORMING ARTS (PALS)

Sponsor: Joni Stephenson

Interact/PALS strives to maintain a strong emphasis on promoting high ethical standards among its members and on working through the community for unity and understanding through music. Participants provide concerts for members of the local community who are in retirement and assistive living communities.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Sponsor: Brittany Crowell

Members nurture their ability in “the fourth R” the ability to reason in breathtakingly imaginative and constructive ways. As a result, students are more highly motivated to develop their abilities in all classes.

PHYSICS CLUB

Sponsor: Seth Schirmer

The Club is designed particular for students interested in physics and related sciences. The purpose of the club is to encourage a broader knowledge of physics and an understanding of the field of physics. Meetings are held once a month and include speakers, movies and tours of related research centers.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Sponsor: Chad Evans

The purpose of the Psychology Club is to provide a forum for the advancement of psychology, to provide an opportunity for constructive social gathering, and to provide information regarding careers in the field of psychology. The club will host guest speakers, promote “Brain Awareness Week,” and will sponsor special events supporting psychology education. The Psychology Club is open to any student interested in Psychology.

QUILL AND SCROLL

Sponsor: Rebecca Potter

Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists is an organization for high school journalists organized for the purpose of encouraging and recognizing achievement in journalism and scholastic publications. Membership is available to juniors and seniors who have achieved superior work in journalism or student publications.

REVOLUTIONARY PRAYER MOVEMENT/SOUL

Sponsors: Seth Schirmer & Abraham Onare

A prayer club designed to pray for the needs of our school, our city, and our nation. We pledge to be a positive impact to our school. Our goal is to be an example, and uphold a moral standard to the students around us. We are praying for a revolution at Texas High.

RISK CLUB

Sponsor: Lance Kyles

The purpose of Risk Club is to provide a positive environment for students who want to play board games. Risk Club members engage in healthy competition and strengthen critical thinking skills. There are no membership dues. All Texas High Students are welcome to attend.

ROSEBUD JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

Sponsor: Kim Downs

Rosebuds is an organization sponsored by the Rose Garden Club and is affiliated with the Texas and National Councils of Garden Clubs. Membership applications may be obtained during the annual club membership drive sponsored early in the fall by student council. New memberships are open to students in Grade 10 and to transfer students in Grades 11 and 12. Memberships are for three years or until graduation. Membership requirements are a grade average of 90 or above and an agreement to participate in the club projects. Club projects include weekly flower arrangements for the school office, posters promoting projects, a Christmas tea honoring teachers, plants for the school and community in observance of Arbor Day, community-wide flower show arrangements, and Christmas gifts for needy children. Membership dues are assessed.

SCIENCE CLUB

Sponsor: Jessica Sharp

Science Club develops student expertise in conducting “hands-on” science experiments; to develop in each student the knowledge of the science behind the experiment; to visit elementary classrooms (as invited) to assist the teacher “in doing science;” and to prepare students for laboratory exercises in the physical sciences.

SENIOR ESCORTS

Sponsors: Courtney Waldrep & Emily Munn

Students are nominated and selected by the THS Varsity Cheerleaders to escort varsity cheerleaders on/off the football field, provide leadership and assistance during school events, flag runners during football games, assist with the Tiger Head blow-up at events, and promote positive school spirit.

SPANISH CLUB

Sponsor: Hamilton Cambindo

The Spanish Club gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the Spanish culture by participating in cultural activities and by sharing their experiences with family and community. Students will develop insight into the nature of Spanish culture and language and compare these to their own culture. The Spanish Club will meet six times during the school year. Officers will be appointed from upper level Spanish classes. Dues will be assessed. Membership is open to all THS students.

SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: Cecilia Stark

The Spanish National Honor Society is an academic organization dedicated to promote the study of the Spanish Language and the culture of Spanish speaking countries. The Honor Society typically will meet once a month and has extra-curricular activities. It is affiliated with the national organization and its members may participate in the national convention, trips, scholarship opportunities and scholarly publications, if possible.

A THS student, who has maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish for a minimum of three semesters and is in the 10th grade or higher, will be eligible for membership. To remain a member in good standing, a student must attend at least 80% of all meetings.

To be inducted as a member of the Spanish National Honor Society a student must have a minimum cumulative average of 3.0 in Spanish classes and be enrolled in a Spanish class at or above Spanish 4.

Seniors should include membership in the Spanish NHS on their college applications and will wear Honor Cords during THS Graduation Ceremonies.

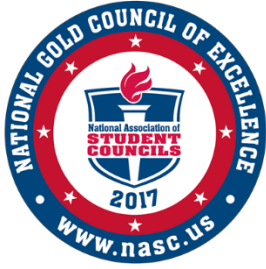
STATISTICS CLUB

Statistics Club is open for any juniors or seniors currently enrolled in AP Statistics. The purpose of this organization is to provide students the opportunity to meet and to promote further interest in the study of statistics and how it affects daily life. Helping all Texas High students understand the importance and implications of statistical procedures and applications is the primary focus of the organization.

STUDENT ANGLER FEDERATION CLUB

Sponsor: Keith Jones

One of the fastest growing youth related movements across the country are High School fishing Clubs. The Texas High School chapter of the Student Angler Federation (SAF) Club promotes education through fishing. The objective of SAF is to relate subject matter and basic principles of education to how anglers use them out on the water. Also, the SAF is aimed at getting students off the couch and back into the great outdoors. Students do not need to have a boat to participate. Dues are \$25 for insurance coverage provided by SAF. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to fish events.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Sponsors: **Susan Waldrep & Debbie Nicholas**

The Texas High School Student Council is a hard working organization devoted to school spirit, community volunteer activities and student leadership. Any student with a 70 average in all classes may work-on to the council the first six weeks of school by fulfilling three projects. A student may choose to become a candidate to serve as a class officer or class representative during a school wide election each spring. THS Student Council is a yearly sweepstakes winner at the district and state levels. The council is divided into three state approved committee groups. The DASH (Drug, Alcohol, Safety, Health) committee conducts several blood drives and promotes education on related issues. DASH is actively involved with local and national charities supporting health and wellness. The Energy and Environment committee promotes conservation through paper recycling and education on energy conservation ideas. The Pride and Patriotism committee promotes school spirit by sponsoring STUCO Night at various sporting events and patriotism through THS Remembers. Texas High Student Council has logged over 10,000 volunteer hours each year for the past five years.

THS Student Council Objectives:

- *To promote student activity*
- *To promote unity within THS*
- *To develop student leaders*
- *To develop educated responsible citizens*

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)

Sponsor: **Ann Bishop**

SADD is a peer leadership organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, drug use, impaired driving, teen violence and teen depression and suicide. This group is open to all students and is instrumental when the high school observes special events such as Red Ribbon Week, The Great American Smoke Out, and Kick Butts Day. Additionally, the group participates in service projects to benefit the school and community. Activities to promote healthy lifestyle choices are ongoing.

T-BOTS

Sponsors: **Shannon Kirkland, Nathan Upchurch, Julie Suelzer & Mark Ahrens**

T-BOTS organization allows students to participate in FIRST Robotics events and competitions that give students the opportunity to improve their robotics skills, knowledge, and experience.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Sponsor: **Alonza Mitchell**

A student-centered club where members select a book for the month, and then get together to discuss it. When students read something they enjoy, they want to talk about it! Members get together to discuss the book and perhaps write book reviews for the paper or do community service to help promote literacy. Ultimately, the intention is to gather a group of people who love reading and have a passion for sharing that same gift with others.

TEENAGE REPUBLICANS

Sponsor: **Lance Kyles**

A student-centered club where members involve themselves in Republican Party political related projects throughout the year. Additionally, the club would serve to promote political awareness on campus and in the community.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS (TAFE)

Sponsor: **Lana Moore**

TAFE is a statewide organization that offers high school students the opportunity to explore the teaching profession. We hold meetings, participate in fundraisers, and support volunteer efforts in our community. At the state level, students can participate in workshops, contests, scholarships programs and summer camps. The club is open to all grade levels and students are encouraged to enroll in Practicum in Education and Training during their junior and senior years.

TEXAS HIGHSTEPPERS – LINE OFFICERS

Sponsor: **Amber Reynolds**

THE TIGER TIMES

Sponsors: **Rebecca Potter & Clint Smith**

Texas High School's student newspaper, The Tiger Times, focuses on covering issues and events as they relate to the student body and community. Students may apply to be on staff during the spring of their freshman, sophomore, or junior years. Student reporters learn advanced writing skills in news, feature, headline, and editorial writing. Other topics include design and photography. Advanced newspaper students may also apply for leadership roles as editors.

THE TIGER YEARBOOK

Sponsor: **Rebecca Potter**

The Tiger is a state and national award-winning yearbook produced by the students at Texas High School. Students may apply to be on staff during the spring of their freshman, sophomore, or junior years. As staff members, students learn design, photography, typography and writing techniques. Advanced yearbook students may also apply for leadership roles as editors.

TIGER PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Sponsor: **Clint Smith**

An association of student photographers at Texas High School, the Tiger Photo Club raises funds for photography related education opportunities for students in the Commercial Photography and Photojournalism classes. Eligible students must be enrolled in Commercial Photography I, Commercial Photography II or Photojournalism. Students not enrolled in one of these classes may be accepted with sponsor approval.

TIGER THEATRE COMPANY

Sponsors: **Lisa Newton & Trent Hanna**

The Tiger Theatre is an organization that aims to establish and advance standards of excellence in theatre arts. TTC is focused on student achievement in theatre arts, support of theatrical opportunities in the community, and becoming effective audience members. Students are given the opportunity to participate in school and community theatrical events while also learning theatre games, acting techniques, and team building. Membership is open to the entire student body.

TIGERVISION

Sponsor: **Charles Aldridge**

Student led organization where members discuss and teach other school about audio-visual production and are active members in producing daily shows, extracurricular and co-curricular events as well as community events.

UIL ACADEMICS

Sponsor: Chuck Zach

The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive literary and academic competitive program in the nation. UIL Academics exists to complement the academic curriculum, and is designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge, to challenge students to confront issues of importance, and to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills. Participation teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Self-motivation and intellectual curiosity are essential to the best academic participants. Leadership and citizenship experiences through interschool activities help prepare students for a more useful and wholesome life. And it's fun!! Academic contests offered on the high school level include: Accounting, Calculator Applications, Computer Applications, Computer Science, Current Events and Issues, CX Debate, Informative Speaking, Journalism, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, One Act Play, Persuasive Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies, Spelling and Vocabulary.

VOCATIONAL ADJUSTMENT CLASS (VAC)

Sponsor: Colinda Landers

VAC is an instructional arrangement/setting that provides special education and related services through work-based learning activities and experiences. Instruction is designed to allow students to develop the competencies and skills necessary to function successfully on the job and in the community.

WOODSHOP CLUB

Woodshop Club is for students interested in the construction/fabrication career field. Students will be able to work on a multitude of shop based projects, as well as projects for the Texas High School campus. Club members will have the opportunity to build large and small scale projects that will be presented at Agricultural Mechanics competitions around the state. Members will learn to work well in a top down hierarchical system to better maximize the work experience. Students will also have the opportunity to team up with other clubs/classes to further their experience in the field. Any student that has taken Principles of Architecture and Construction, or any beginning level agricultural/construction based course, where a shop safety exam is required is eligible for Woodshop Club.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Sponsor: Hunter Davis

A student-centered club where members involve themselves in Democratic Party political related projects throughout the year. Additionally, the club would serve to promote political awareness on campus and in the community.