



# Texas

## Middle School

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs and student organizations are a vital part of Texas Middle 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 Middle 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 Middle School is to help each student become involved and realize his/her potential.

#### **ART CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Patsy Griffin

*Art Club is open to 6 – 8 grade students who love art! In Art Club, students have the opportunity to create their own works of art with guidance from the art teachers. Enrollment in art class is not required.*

#### **BILINGUAL CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Samuel Montiel

*The Bilingual Leadership Club is open to all students who are currently bilingual in any other language or who would like to become bilingual. The group's focus will be to explore the benefits of being bilingual in American society. Members will explore career opportunities and provide community service projects utilizing translator skills and promote cultural awareness.*

#### **CHESS CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Amanda Fannin

*The Chess Club gives students and opportunity to challenge their friends in “The Game of Kings.” Learn to play, better your skills or just come to have fun. Chess Club students will be considered for the UIL Chess Team at Texas Middle School.*

#### **DRAMA CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Amber Langdon

*The Drama Club is a performing organization that encourages stage knowledge. Students learn the skills of acting and the technical aspects of the stage. Typically, the Drama Club performs a fall play and a play in the spring, with a UIL competition in-between.*

## **DRONE CLUB**

**Sponsor: Daniel Beall**

*In Drone Club, students will learn the basic components of building and flying drones. Through teamwork and problem-solving, students will learn aviation concepts to complete missions. Students must be willing to challenge themselves and think outside the box in order to create, build and fly drones.*

## **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS**

**Sponsors: Jerry Ballad & Jessica McIntosh**

*Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) is a student-led, Christian-based organization. Students meet to encourage and fellowship through prayer, music, and devotionals. FCS students are asked to participate in service projects and take leadership roles on campus. Community members from local churches are welcome to participate and offer motivational lessons on morals and character values. The goal of FCS is to make a difference at TMS through acts of kindness and service.*

## **HOME ECONOMICS CLUB**

**Sponsor: Alex Walker**

*The Home Economics Club is open to both boys and girls who would like to learn about sewing and cooking basics along with meal planning and budgeting. In the cooking unit, students will learn cooking terms, how to read, reduce and enlarge recipes properly, table etiquette, planning a nutritional meal and budgeting for that meal. The sewing unit will cover basics of sewing on buttons, hemming, making pillows and sewing a larger project as time allows.*

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

**Sponsors: Sarah Munger & David Walls**

*The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (and Citizenship for NJHS). These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929.*

## **PEP SQUAD**

**Sponsors: Hailey Christian & Shelly Ervin**

*The Pep Squad is a spirit organization that gives students the opportunity to showcase their TIGER spirit at pep rallies and football games. The Pep Squad performs cheer routines in front of Texas Middle School students, parents, and families at all pep rallies and during halftime of home football games. In addition, members sit in the stands and cheer on the TMS Tiger football team at home games. Members are required to purchase their own uniforms and no tryout is required.*

## **ROBOTICS CLUB**

**Sponsor: Sandra McNeely**

*In this club, students will design, program and build robots. They will be fully engaged in the engineering experience and use 21st century skills such as communication and teamwork. Students apply real-world math and science concepts and problem-solve. Students will also compete in robotics competitions.*

## **SPANISH CLUB**

**Sponsors: Maria Guzman & Samuel Montiel**

*The Spanish Club is an environment outside of the classroom where those who have a passion for Spanish-speaking cultures can get together to participate in language and cultural activities with a community involvement component.*

## **SPELLING BEE CLUB**

**Sponsor: Amber Merrick**

*The Spelling Bee Club is part of The Scripps National Spelling Bee program. Participation will help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will carry with them throughout their lives.*

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

**Sponsors: Melanie March-Nelson & Shasta Hanson**

*Texas Middle School Student Council is a diverse group of students who all share common goals: to promote and maintain harmony and understanding between students and faculty, to cooperate with all other campus organizations for the betterment of our school, to initiate service projects benefitting our community and our country, and to raise the standards and ideals of Student Council members themselves.*

## **TEACH TISD**

**Sponsor: Joanna Leeks**

*TEACH TISD is a unique way to create a talent pool that offers career opportunities for TISD students who exhibit natural teacher talents and traits. Students who are recommended by a TISD teacher for this club will meet regularly with their sponsor to discuss ways to increase their knowledge about becoming a future educator.*

## **UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL)**

**Sponsor: Meagan Hensley**

*UIL is an organization that creates rules for and administers almost all athletic, music and academic contests for public primary and secondary schools in the state of Texas. At Texas Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of UIL competitions. Some of the events are: Art, Calculator, Chess, Dictionary Skills, Modern Oratory, Spelling Impromptu Speaking, Editorial Writing, Listening Skills, Maps-Graphs-Charts, Mathematics, Music Memory, Number Sense, One Act Play, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies and Spelling. Any student interested in participating in a UIL event may contact the club sponsor/coach during clubs sign up week.*