



**2025-2026
TMS
Open House**

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**TCHEFUNCTE MIDDLE
SCHOOL PTA**

Join the PTA!

Become a Tchefuncte
PTA member!
Your PTA membership
dues make you a partner
in your child's education.

community • connections • commitment



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TMS Leadership Team

Michele Cassidy, Principal

Colleen Assavedo, Assistant Principal

Chelsea Robinson, TRT

Veronica Murzi, SWEDL

Karla Vicknair, Counselor

Kelly Matherne, MHP



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TMS Vision

Through high expectations, TMS students will be joyful and independent learners.



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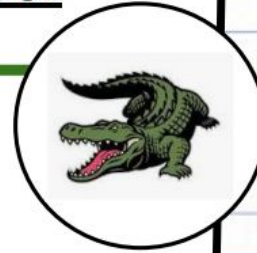
TMS Instructional Goal

Tche functe **educators, parents
and students** will work

together to

increase academic achievement for
all students through individualized,
data-driven instruction.

Tchefuncte Middle School



Our Mission

Tchefuncte Middle School educators, parents, and students will work together to increase academic achievement for all students through individualized, data-driven instruction.

Growing Leaders

Leader in Me is an evidence based, comprehensive school-improvement model that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community. It provides our schools with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development that is grounded in the **7 Habits of Highly Effective People**. As students become leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education and achievement.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Habit 1: Be proactive
Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind
Habit 3: Put first things first
Habit 4: Think win-win
Habit 5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood
Habit 6: Synergize
Habit 7: Sharpen the saw

The staff in our building have made five core commitments:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

- Increase Community Engagement from 72% to 75% through a focus on student learning goals and collaborative partnerships with all stakeholders for implementation and support of student target attainment.
- Increase ELA - Written Expression Percent Strong from 64% to 67% through a focus on analysis of student work.
- Increase Math Proficiency from 72.3% to 75.3% through a focus on analysis of student work.

Parents as Partners

Research shows that when parents are engaged in their student's education, the student's success, academically and behaviorally, increases significantly. You can find ways to engage by:

- Checking student progress in JPAMS frequently.
- Visiting TMS Google Classrooms to find Weekly Lesson Plans every Monday.
- Helping your student complete make up work when they are absent.
- Signing and returning Test Folders and Student Goal Tracking Logs promptly each week.
- Participating in school and classroom activities.



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Celebrations

TMS

★ #1 in St. Tammany in all categories



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Celebrations

Overall Mastery+

2024	
Louisiana	38
St. Tammany Parish	45
Tchefuncte Middle School	65



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Celebrations

4th Grade Mastery+

SUBJECT	STATE	DISTRICT	TMS
ELA	42	53	71
MATH	40	50	70
SCIENCE	31	42	54



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Celebrations

5th Grade Mastery+

SUBJECT	STATE	DISTRICT	TMS
ELA	43	55	71
MATH	31	40	61
SCIENCE	36	49	69



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Celebrations

6th Grade Mastery+

SUBJECT	STATE	DISTRICT	TMS
ELA	40	54	71
MATH	33	47	75
SCIENCE	24	33	50



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Attendance

- Types of Absences
 - Type 1: Excused Absences
 - Type 2: Unexcused Absences
 - Type 3: Suspension/Expulsion
- See District Handbook for details
- All eligible for MakeUp Work



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Excuses for Absences

- Must be presented in writing to the school principal or designee within **five (5) days** of the absence.
- Must include
 - Student's full name
 - Days of absence
 - Reason for absence and/or doctor's verification
 - Parent/guardian signature
 - Date of signature



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Makeup Work

- Excused, unexcused or suspended shall be allowed to submit missed assignments and tests.
- Shall be eligible to receive the same academic credit and grades originally available when work is completed satisfactorily and within the same number of days that the student was absent (Ex. 3 days absent given 3 days to makeup work).
- Gradebook
 - On Date of Absence - 'X' averages as 0/F
 - Grade Changed - Makeup Work Submitted
- Makeup days begin on the date of return.

Student Name: _____

Date Absent: _____ Date Returned: _____ Date Due: _____

You missed class. We missed you!

- Please review the Weekly Learning Plans for each subject in your Google Classrooms to see what you missed.
- It is your responsibility to make up any tests/graded assignments, so make arrangements with your **teachers** about those graded assignments. **You have the same number of days to make up your work as the days you were absent.** Missed and not made up assignments will be recorded as an "X" in JPAMS and average as a zero.
- Any worksheets, handouts, or notes distributed during your absence will be attached to this form. Please put them in the appropriate section of your binder.

ELA:	__ Completed __ Turned In
Math:	__ Completed __ Turned In
Science:	__ Completed __ Turned In
Social Studies:	__ Completed __ Turned In

Student Signature: _____

Act 428: 10 Point Grading Scale

Effective 8/1/2024

Grading Scale for Regular Courses	
Grade	Percentage
A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59-0



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Act 313

- No student shall possess, on his person, an electronic device throughout the instructional day. If a student brings a device in any public elementary or secondary school building during the instructional day. The electronic device shall either be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day.
- Pockets are NOT acceptable under new law.
- Confiscated cell phones must be brought to the Front Office.
- Confiscated cell phones will be stored in a locked file cabinet in the Nurse's Office for pick up by a parent.



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You will meet with your
child's teachers tonight to
learn about their school day.

Have a wonderful school year.