



TEXARKANA ISD

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.

ART CLUB

Sponsor: **Shea Phillips, Giselle Galvan**

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.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CLUB

Sponsors: **Britni Huggins, Melissa Latham**

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.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Sponsor: **Forett Bridges**

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

Sponsor: **Melinda Asher**

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.

CALCULUS CLUB

Sponsor: **Kim Beechem**

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.

CLUB 49

Sponsor: **Stephanie Hodgson**

CONSTRUCTION CLUB

Sponsor: **Frank Pearson**

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Sponsor: **Michelle Crane**

The Creative Writing Club will support THS students who have a passion for creative expression through the written word by building a community of young fiction writers. Through our activities, students will not only develop their skills, but they will also share their poetry, essays, novels, and other written work for peer editing and feedback. Through the Creative Writing Club, students will have the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national writing contests and workshops.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Sponsor: **Bre' Bailey**

DECA

Sponsor: **Melinda Asher**

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.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Sponsor: **Joseph Pech**

DYSLEXIA AMBASSADORS

Sponsor: Tara Baker

ESPORTS

Sponsor: Jordan High

FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

Sponsors: Maurice Oldham, Samantha Thacker

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a national and technical student organization that provides personal growth, leadership development and career preparation opportunities for students in family and consumer sciences education.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

Sponsors: James Skelton, Matthew Turner

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."

FLORAL DESIGN CLUB

Sponsor: Kaye Lynne Ramirez

FRECH CLUB

Sponsor: Parker Wright

GRAPHIC CLUB

Sponsor: Cindy Snell

HIGHSTEPPERS

Sponsor: Amber Reynolds

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: Matt Turner

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.

HEALTH OCCUPATION STUDENTS OF AMERICA

Sponsor: **Joe Nolen**

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.

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

Sponsors: **Brandon Shoemaker, Mikenzie Burns**

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: **Kara Wicks**

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."

LATIN CLUB

Sponsor: **Kara Wicks**

LEADER IN ME

Sponsor: **Britni Huggins**

LEADERSHIP

Sponsor: **Susan Waldrep**

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Sponsor: **Michelle Crane**

Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly. Students represent countries. They research current conflicts and from the perspective and best interest of their country. Then at the Model UN Conference students use diplomacy and negotiation to address current problems on the United Nations agenda.

MU ALPHA THETA

Sponsor: **Cathryn Diaz**

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.

MULTI-CULTURAL CLUB

Sponsor: **Shasta Hanson**

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.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsors: **Holly Mooneyham, Anita Badgett**

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.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Sponsor: **Michelle Crane**

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.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Sponsor: **Kim Beechem**

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.

QUILL AND SCROLL

Sponsor: **Laura Spicher**

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.

REACH CLUB

Sponsor: **Christie Page**

ROBOTICS CLUB/TBOTS

Sponsor: **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.

ROSEBUD JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

Sponsors: Jennifer Guffey, Jennifer Cannon, Dolores Schandua

Rosebuds is an organization sponsored by the Rose Garden Club and is affiliated with the Texas and National Councils of Garden Clubs. Membership is by invitation and is open to ladies in 10th grade and to transfer students in grades 11 and 12. Memberships are for three years or until graduation. Membership requirements are a weighted GPA of 143 or higher and an agreement to participate in the club projects and fundraising. Club projects include flower arrangements for the school staff, Thanksgiving Bake Sale, a Christmas Tea honoring teachers and staff. The philanthropy of Rosebuds is to beautify the campus of Texas High School by fundraising and completing a campus project such as the pond fountain and the school marquee, both completed in 2023, Christmas gifts for the needy and community service within the school and city. 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. Additionally, the Science Club does environmental networking with the City of Texarkana, Texas - Waste Management and develop educational displays and presentations as they assist THS Student Council during "Heart Week."

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

Sponsor: Regina Lenior

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 COUNCIL

Sponsor: **Susan Waldrep**

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

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS (TAFE)/ P-TECH TEACH TISD

Sponsor: **Lisa McCloskey**

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 TIGER BASS TEAM

Sponsor: **Keith Jones**

THE BOOK CLUB

Sponsor: **Thomas Folse**

THE LIGHT CLUB

Sponsor: **Greg Brush**

TIGER THEATRE COMPANY

Sponsors: **Brandon Shoemaker, Mikenzie Burns**

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: Victoria Pearcy

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.

TRI M MUSIC HONORS

Sponsor: Christina Moon Sullivan

YEARBOOK/NEWSPAPER

Sponsor: Laura Spicher

UIL ACADEMICS

Sponsor: Joseph Peck

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.