

Indiana Technology Student Association

Constitution (Approved August 2016)



Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Indiana Technology Student Association (Indiana TSA).

Article II. Mission and Purposes

Section 1. Mission Statement

The Technology Student Association fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); members apply and integrate these concepts through co-curricular activities, competitions, and related programs.

Section 2. Purpose

Organized instruction relating to the mission is part of the engineering and technology education program in schools. The purpose of the organization shall be to enhance the engineering and technology curriculum as follows:

- A. develop, through individual and teamwork, the ability of members to plan, organize, and use a variety of resources to solve problems.
- B. explore technology and develop an understanding of technological literacy.
- C. promote high standards of learning through curricular resource activities.
- D. encourage students in expressing creativity.
- E. develop consumer awareness.
- F. provide career opportunity information pertaining to a broad range of occupations, including training requisites, working conditions, salaries or wages, and other relevant information.
- G. provide exploratory experiences in classrooms and laboratories, and develop partnerships in business or industry to acquaint students with career opportunities.
- H. assist in providing guidance and counseling for students enrolled in technology education programs in making informed and meaningful career choices.
- I. expose students to the responsibility of representing a large membership.
- J. instill desirable work habits and attitudes toward the positive way of life in students and foster a deep respect for the dignity of work.
- K. prepare individuals for enrollment in advanced or highly skilled vocational and technical education programs.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in Indiana TSA shall be through the local chartered chapter of the State Association.

Section 2. Indiana will be a chartered as a member of TSA, Incorporated, upon the approval of the Board of Directors of TSA, Incorporated.

Section 3. Classes of membership which shall be recognized by Indiana TSA include Active, Associate, Alumni, Professional, and Honorary.

- A. Active Membership. Any student who is taking or has taken a course in comprehensive or occupational engineering and technology education through grade 12 shall be eligible for active membership in an organized TSA chapter within a school. Active members shall be eligible to compete in competitive events, hold office, make motions, and vote.
- B. Associate. Associate members shall be students who are enrolled in related fields of instruction with emphasis in technology education or who have been previously enrolled in technology education programs. Associate members shall not vote or hold office.
- C. Alumni. Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have completed an industrial arts/technology education program (have been former active or associate TSA members) and who have graduated from or left school. Alumni members shall not vote or hold office.
- D. Honorary Membership. Any individuals whose professional responsibilities are not directly related to the Technology Student Association, who have made outstanding contributions, and who are giving continued service to the state organization by advancing its purposes, are eligible for honorary membership in the state organization. Honorary members have the privilege of attending all meetings of the organization but have no vote.
- E. Professional. Professional members are those individuals engaged in education, business, and industry who have interest in the Technology Student Association and in the welfare of technology education. Professional members shall not vote or hold office.

Section 4. The membership year shall be August 1 to July 31.

Article IV. Government

The rules and regulations governing Indiana Technology Student Association shall be contained in the Bylaws of the Indiana Technology Student Association.