



Discovery Middle School TSA Application

2024-2025 Competition Year

**Please submit paper applications to Mrs. Haynes or email them to her at ahhaynes@madisoncity.k12.al.us. Early registration is from 8/6/2024-9/30/2024. Students must apply in this window to run for TSA Officer positions. Applications received after September will be considered, but officer placements will be in effect for the year, and it may be too late to prepare for spring competition—so apply ASAP!

Memorandum of Understanding

Safety Regulations

- All students agree to use caution when handling equipment as well as when testing designs. Any willful misuse of equipment is grounds for immediate dismissal from the team.

Students

- I understand that there are several competition spots available, and that spots will be decided by the Coach on student merit, autonomy, leadership, and effort.

- I understand that I should attempt to make all practices possible. Practices will be held Thursdays after school until 4:30 starting 9/5/2024. Students may have to participate in other clubs/teams on some days, but when they are available, they should come to TSA meetings/practices. Irregular practice attendance may result in student's not being able to attend state conference. Regular check ins and updates are important to enhance students' performance at competition. Practice times/days may increase closer to competition if the sponsor/students deem it necessary.

- I understand that I am expected to attend parliamentary official DMS TSA meetings as well as after school practices to participate in competition. Official TSA Meetings are held on Thursday evenings after regular practice. Usually from 5:00-6:00 PM. We are required to have one event per month, and elected TSA Officers will conduct the meeting/business.

- I understand that I will be representing DMS at all practices, events, and meetings, and as such, I should demonstrate great leadership, courteousness, and behavior.

Parents

- I understand that there will be a \$25 club fee to cover State and National TSA dues for each student. Some events will require parents to purchase materials to enhance the products, but every effort will be made for the STEM Academy to procure items needed.

- I understand that the cost of State (April 2025) or National (July 2025) Competitions, the cost of the team sponsor's travel will be the responsibility of the parents of the competing students, and additional fees will be assessed to cover those expenses. Parents will also be responsible for transportation, supervision, and all other expenses for their child at competitive events.

- I will do my best to pick up my child at the assigned times. If parents are repeatedly late, or extraordinarily late, students may be asked not to continue to attend practice. **Things outside of our control occur everyday, please just make sure to communicate with the sponsor if/when this occurs.

- There are other events (public service, volunteer opportunities, CTE Day assistance, etc.) that TSA Students may be asked to attend. Please make every effort to have them attend.

TSA Details

-Technology Student Association (TSA) is a nationally recognized Career and Technical Education Organization, as part of our accreditation at DMS, we are required to have participation in this organization. [TSA DMS Bylaws](#).

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

TSA Application

Name _____ Grade for 2024-2025 School Year _____

Other extra-curricular activities in which you are currently committed:

1. Please Circle all items worked with or have experience with:

Design Drawing Engineering Design Process Simple Motors and Gears Cooperative Group Work
Troubleshooting Electrical Circuitry Fundraising Activities Public Speaking

2. Please Circle all related courses you have already taken:

STEM Robotics Medical Detectives Design & Modeling Scholars Bowl Greenpower Innovative Explorations
G&T Class Environmental Explorations Flight & Space Computer Science Digital Publishing Career Prep
Public Speaking Creative Writing Money/Money App Creators Green Architecture

3. Promote Yourself as a Technology Student Association Student:

Why do you want to be part of DMS TSA? _____

Explain why you would be a good addition to our team. What skills or talents do you possess that would be helpful to the team?

2023 Average in Math _____ 2023 Average in Science _____

2023 Average in English _____ 2023 Average in History _____

Students should also have three teachers fill out the [TSA Teacher Recommendation Form](#).

****Students will be notified usually within a week of applying if they are accepted to the club. Thank you for your application!**