



The Colony High School

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Guide to Clubs and Organizations



***P**hilosophy of student clubs and organizations.* The scope of student clubs and organizations and their activities at The Colony High School is such that their administration requires definite policy, organization, and delegation of responsibility. In planning and establishing a student club or organization in the high school, it must be remembered that the purpose of these groups is to develop participation and dependable, socially minded and mature citizens.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Student clubs, organizations, and performing groups such as band, cheerleaders, choir, drill teams, and athletic teams may establish rules of conduct and consequences for behavior that are stricter than those applied to the general student body. If a student violates one of these, it also is a violation of school rules. The consequences specified by the school shall apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization.

DEFINITION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

See section **19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 76, Extracurricular Activities**, in short, is defined as any activity outside of school curriculum.

DEFINITION OF CO-CURRICULAR

Co-curricular activities are an extension of classroom instruction in which participation is by the entire class or a significant portion thereof. They relate directly to, and enhance student learning of, essential elements through participation, demonstration, illustration, and observation. Co-curricular activities are included in the teacher's instructional plan and are conducted by or supervised by a classroom teacher or other educational professional.

GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES

1. A number of student clubs or organizations and a variety of co-curricular activities are included in the school program to provide enrichment and to contribute to the development of students.
2. All school clubs or organizations will schedule meeting times with their sponsor in an effort to avoid conflicts.
3. The sponsor or an organization officer, with permission of their sponsor, is to secure approval from the administration before arranging for extra or unusual activities.
4. After obtaining permission to schedule a meeting or activity, the sponsor should notify the assistant principal in charge of building use or rental and make arrangements for the room(s).
5. Clubs or organizations may be charged for the custodian's time at the building. Any other arrangements must be cleared through the principal of the school.
6. Clubs or organizations will not be permitted to meet unless the club or organization sponsor is present.
7. Clubs and organizations sponsors must submit an application for fundraising and have it approved by Administration prior to planning any fundraising activity.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

The board shall permit students to take school-sponsored overnight trips for the following purpose:

1. Instructional purpose (field trips and excursions). Approval for trips shall be from the Principal.
2. Activities of school-sponsored or sanctioned club or organizations. Approval for the trip shall be from the Principal.
3. UIL or other sanctioned competitions. Approval for the trip shall be from the Principal.

ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Each school shall have and maintain a student activity account to manage funds, organization funds, and any other funds into which students have put money in the name of the school. All monies collected shall be receipted by the principal or a designee and deposited to appropriate District account, at the District depository, on the same day if possible.

The principal of the school shall be responsible for the proper administration of each organization's funds in accordance with state and local laws, District-approved accounting practices and procedures, and TEA Bulletin 679.

Monies collected by student groups shall be disbursed only for purposes authorized by the organization or upon approval of the sponsor. The principal or a designee shall approve all disbursements. All funds raised by student organizations must be expended for the benefit of the students.

SECRET SOCIETIES

The board prohibits any fraternity, sorority, or secret society, defined by state law as “any organization composed wholly or in part of public school below the rank of college or junior college...which seeks to perpetuate itself by taking in additional members from the pupils enrolled in such school on the basis of the decision of its membership, rather than upon the free choice of any pupil in the school, who is qualified under the rules of the school, to fill the special aims of the organization.”

Any student who becomes or remains a member, of any such fraternity, sorority, or secret society shall be recommended for placement in an alternative education program.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Doug Hutchison
Richard Sulfstede

This course is Fall Semester, 4th period class, rather than a “club”, open to juniors and seniors who enjoy academic competition. The United States Academic Decathlon is a team competition wherein students match their intellects with students from other schools. Students are tested in ten categories:

Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Studies, and Speech.

Based on the model of the athletic decathlon, the Academic Decathlon requires participants to prepare for ten academic events. Like the athletic contest, the Academic Decathlon does not permit participants to specialize, but rather the Academic Decathlon encourages academic versatility by requiring students to prepare for all ten events. The Academic Decathlon stresses educational opportunity and academic excellence.

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

Huong Duong

This is an organization that is devoted to representing diversity but at the same time embracing the cultural differences at The Colony High School. The Asian Culture Club is a community of students who strives to build strong leadership skills by promoting cross-cultural understanding and awareness through quality, and fun leadership activities. The Asian Culture Club sponsors many opportunities for community outreach by servicing to others and by giving back to our school and community.

The Asian Culture Club is open to any student who is either from Asia or of Asian ancestry, and students of any heritage who have an appreciation for Asian culture. The organization is open to anyone and to everyone who has an interest in experiencing the diverse and unique cultures of Asia.

Membership dues are required for a membership.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Lance Flisowski
Jeff Bridges
John Peterson
Chad Wallace

The Colony High School Band began in 1986 with 89 students and now boasts nearly 200 members. Middle school band participation is a pre-requisite for membership in the high school band.

The Colony Band has been a consistent participant in the UIL State Marching Band Championships, Bands of America Regional Championships, and local marching

band contests.

The Colony High School band program includes the Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Varsity Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Chamber Ensembles.

BOWLING CLUB

Anthony Simmons
Elaine Porter

The purpose of the organization is to develop bowling skills through weekly practices and participation in competitive events at the local and state levels. These competitive events allow the student to be eligible for college scholarships. Members are based on yearly tryouts.

Membership in the USBC is required.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL OF
AMERICA

Debbie Plato
Reesa Wilkins

Membership requirements are to be a student at The Colony High School.

Purpose of the organization is to develop social and leadership skills through participation in youth conferences, competitive events, and local, state, and national activities.

B.P.A. is designed to allow the student the opportunity to understand the business world; as well as to develop an enthusiasm for learning and remaining knowledgeable in the business and office fields.

Typical chapter activities include professional, financial, civic, service and social projects.

Membership dues are required.

CHEERLEADERS

Tiffany Babb – Varsity

Heather Jones – Asst. Varsity

Robin Moody – JV

Erin Heggy -- Freshman

Requirements for membership are made through selection by a panel of judges in March of each year. A pre-tryout parent meeting is mandatory. The dates for this meeting are announced in February. Tryout material will be taught at afternoon clinics the week of tryouts.

The purpose of this organization is to create school spirit, loyalty, and pride, while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence. Also, to establish a feeling of loyalty and cooperation through group membership; to set an example of spirit between school and community; to focus on school spirit; while striving for goals to compete successfully at local and national competitions.

The cheerleaders cheer and/or support all the athletic teams, cheering year-round for football, volleyball, and basketball and appearing at wrestling matches and baseball games.

Requirements for membership are made through a selection of NCA certified judges in March of each year. A one week mandatory clinic will be held before the tryout to teach all the material.

No membership dues collected; however, uniforms and camp expenses are required.

DECA

Keigh Martin

Students must be enrolled in (or have previously taken) one or more of the following courses:

- Marketing Co-op I and II
- Advertising and Display
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Entrepreneurship

In addition, students currently enrolled in a CATE (Career and Technology Education) course may be recommended for membership by their CATE teacher. DECA is a youth-oriented organization that is designed specifically for students enrolled in Marketing Co-op, Advertising or Sports, Entertainment and Entrepreneurship courses. The purpose is to prepare young people

for a career in the working world. Members are eligible to enter District, State and International Competition. Competitive events correlate to material presented in the classroom setting as well as training received in the world of work.

Students are eligible to apply for scholarships offered by national sponsors. (See Ms. Martin for details.)

Membership dues are required.

FAMILY, CAREER, AND
COMMUNITY LEADERS OF
AMERICA

*Erin Heggy Teri Booth
Tiffany Babb*

Requirements for FCCLA are that a student be currently enrolled in any Family and Consumer Sciences Education (formerly Home Economics) course or have taken one in the past.

The purpose of FCCLA is to prepare individuals for the future as leaders in their family, their career and their community. Student members participate in activities that make a difference in the school, family, community, and nation by developing projects that address a variety of issues.

Membership dues required.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN
ATHLETES (FCA)

*Jeni Maxton Ane Sandman
Chris Dietzmann*

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes challenges coaches and athletes on the high school and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world in a positive manner. FCA is the largest school-based, Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference.

The FCA Vision is to see the world positively impacted through the influence of athletes and coaches.

GERMAN NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY

Lori Stephenson

To become a member, students must complete at least five semesters of the language and have an average of 3.6 in German and a 3.0 overall during the three semesters, on a 4.0 scale.

The purpose of the organization is to recognize high scholastic achievement in the study of German and to promote interest in the study of German language, literature, culture, and civilization.

In addition to membership dues students will be required to complete a service project. Students are also eligible to apply for a summer German trip scholarship.

HISTORY CLUB

Jody Mullins

The TCHS History Club is open to all students who are interested in expanding their world view by exploring historical issues, preserving the history of the community and participating in community service. The club meets the last Thursdays of the month after school in K219, and seeks to provide a personal, hands-on exploration of historical sites and cultural activities.

JROTC

Col. White 1st Sgt. Cruz
SFC Simmons

The objective of the program is to motivate young people to become better citizens. It is the goal of this program to instill this attitude and behavior in the cadets by utilizing classroom activities, physical training exercises, and precision drill to build teamwork and leadership skills. The Cougar battalion's competitive teams have won the Mesquite State championship nine years in a row. The JROTC and High School National Championship in Orienteering four times. To be a member of this organization a student must speak with his or her counselor and then be approved by one of the three cadre.

The program also offers other Extra-curricular activities such as:

Honor Guard – This group’s main purpose is to present the National Colors at community events such as football, basketball, softball, soccer and other community activities.

Cadet Challenge - This team competes on a statewide basis doing physical fitness events such as: push-ups, sit-ups, hang/chin-ups, long jump, and numerous runs.

Drill Team – This activity is separated into three types of drill teams, the un-armed, armed and facsimile team. Each drill marches as a military organization competing in an inspection, regulation and exhibition phase competing at State, Regional and National level.

Academics – This team is made of four cadets that answer questions in a jeopardy format. The questions are based on JROTC let knowledge, marksmanship, physical training, and current events.

The Cougar battalion is not just work, work, work... cadets are invited to take trips through the year to places including Battle of the Roses Parade in San Antonio, Texas, college visits to Texas A & M, military bases such as the Air Force Academy, UTA and Tarleton State University, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Barksdale Air Force Base, and Fort Hood are also visited. The unit also has an awards banquet and a combined military ball with all the high schools within the Lewisville Independent School District.

L A T I N O S U N I D O S

Steven Mace

Membership is made up of students who come from a Hispanic background, or those interested in learning about Spanish-speaking countries.

The purpose of the Latinos Unidos is to learn about the customs of other Spanish-speaking countries and how they differ from our country of origin. Latinos Unidos is a social club that meets for fun, food, and friendship.

Meetings are held before and after school on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday’s of each month.

Yearly membership dues are required.

MATH CLUB

Pat Metting

The sole requirement for membership is an interest in mathematics and math competition.

The purpose of the Math Club is to prepare students for math competitions both in the Texas Math/Science Coaches Association and UIL events. The Math Club competes in various tournaments in the North Texas area throughout the year. Students also compete in the UIL Academic meets in the spring of each year.

No membership dues are required.

MU ALPHA THETA

Pat Metting Kelly Leal

To be a member of Mu Alpha Theta a student must be enrolled in Algebra II or above and have a 3.0 (B average) in each math class taken at the high school level.

The purpose of the organization is to further an appreciation for the study of mathematics and mathematical applications. The organization also serves as a service organization by sponsoring projects each semester.

Membership dues are required for membership.

NATIONAL ART HONOR
SOCIETY

Huong Duong

The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is an organization that aims to provide enriching art opportunities by inspiring, encouraging, and recognizing TCHS's outstanding artists and their accomplishments, achievements, and dedication to the arts. NAHS is designed specifically for high school students, for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art, scholarship, leadership, and service.

As a national organization, the National Art Honor Society strives to aid students in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art; fostering excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art by bringing art education to the attention of the school and community.

Participation in the NAHS programs is well recognized by institutions when students apply for entry into colleges.

Prospective candidates are selected by TCHS's Art Department and must maintain a passing grade average in all of their core subjects and have 90 in their art classes. Members may be in Art I, as long as members want to pursue more art classes. Members do not need to be currently enrolled in an art class but must stay active through National Art Honor Society goal's of bringing art to the school and community through service projects and by applying for National Art Honor Society scholarship programs.

Membership dues are required for a membership.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

L. Anne Bond
Andrea Scott

Prospective candidates for membership in the National Honor Society must have a cumulative GPA of 99.0 or higher with one full semester residence at TCHS.

Students with the required scholastic average are asked to complete a Student Activity Form. Students are expected to have participated in community service activities and show outstanding qualities of leadership, character, and service. The details for selection are in the TCHS Student handbook. By national organizations rules, ninth grade students are not eligible for consideration.

The National Honor Society is the front-runner of organizations that promote recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the area of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. The TCHS National Honor Society Chapter is an active organization. Community service and GPA are criterion for selection and continued membership.

The purpose of The Colony High School National Honor Society is to recognize and encourage academic achievement and to develop characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy, including service, leadership, and character. It also strives to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character in individuals.

THE COLONY HIGH
SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Bart Ghent

The Colony High School Orchestra Program offers a wide variety of musical ensembles for string players as well as other musicians. While the primary enrollment in the Orchestra Program is composed of only violin, viola, cello, bass, piano and harp, other musicians on campus are utilized throughout the year.

Admission to the program is by audition with prior experience needed in either a middle school orchestra or a private instruction situation. Classes offered during the school day are Chamber Strings, Symphony Strings, and Concert Strings. Other ensembles which perform during the year are full Symphony Orchestra, full Philharmonic Orchestra, the Pit Orchestra for the TCHS musicals, and various smaller ensembles as needed for school, community, and civic functions.

The Orchestra Program has grown in both numbers and recognition throughout our state and nation. It has received consistent Sweepstakes Awards at UIL competitions, First Division and Best in Class Awards at the national level, and many of our students have been recognized with Outstanding Soloist awards. Our graduating senior string players are in demand from universities and are consistently awarded very generous scholarships.

Each year the orchestra travels to either to a national festival or makes a concert tour which includes master classes with professional musicians. Private study is highly recommended and available on campus during the school day. There is a very active booster organization to lend support to the Orchestra Program.

PEER ASSISTANCE AND
LEADERSHIP (PAL)

Rachel Gillman

Members must be a Junior or Senior and must go through an application and interview process. The application process begins in February of the preceding year and interviews are scheduled in March. Class membership will be announced by the end of March.

P.A.L. is a community emphasized outreach program that involves high school role models. The chosen P.A.L. role models visit with schools within the community, in the hope of being a positive influence on at-risk students at the elementary and middle school campuses that feed into TCHS. PAL services the community in many ways through its efforts in working with youth, D.A.R.E., and other community based groups and events.

Students earn two state credits and must be able to enroll in the class for one full school year. It is offered during third period only.

QUILL AND SCROLL
INTERNATIONAL
HONORARY SOCIETY

Ruste Foster
Janet Shideler

The purpose of this society is to instill in students the ideal of scholarship, the standards of the profession of journalism by developing better journalists and by inculcating a higher code of ethics; to promote exact and dispassionate thinking and clear and forceful writing.

SCIENCE

Kim Moseley

The mission of the TCHS Science Club is not only to promote an awareness and appreciation of science in our daily lives, but also to be an educational resource to students wishing to learn more about the opportunities in science and science-related fields of study.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jamie McCarty

To become a member of Student Council a student must complete an application and have it approved by the officers.

The purpose of the organization is to create a greater sense of responsibility within the student body; to strive for better student/faculty relationship; to promote unification of the student body and better representation of its ideas to the faculty and administration; to promote a positive attitude in the advancement of leadership and loyalty; to promote spirit in the school activities; as well as to uphold traditions and to set standards for generations of TCHS students to come.

The objective of Student Council is to provide a service organization doing various activities within the community throughout the year, while developing student leaders.

Membership dues are required.

TEMPO SELECT VOCAL
ENSEMBLE

Margaret Miller

To become a member of the vocal performing group, TEMPO, a student must audition the previous spring before a panel of judges. The students are judged on vocal ability, musicality, stage presence, sight singing and movement.

Members of TEMPO learn teamwork, unity and a variety of musical skills. They perform for social, civic, community and school events. TEMPO functions as an excellent public relations group for TCHS.

TCHS Choirs are composed of three musical organizations, including:

Concert choir – a non-varsity, mixed ensemble

Encore – a ladies ensemble

Tempo – a varsity mixed ensemble

The objective of each music organization is to strive for excellence in choral music.

Membership dues are \$50.00. Accessories to uniform must be purchased by members as well.

THE COLONY TOPCATS DANCE
TEAM

Jessica Lowe

The Colony Topcats is the dance/drill team for The Colony High School, which promotes teamwork, unity and school spirit, while aiding in the building of students' character, responsibility and leadership. Additional emphasis is placed on proper nutrition, conditioning and quality of life. Membership for the Topcats is determined the preceding year by a panel of qualified judges. Each student desiring to audition for membership will attend a camp prior to the date of auditions, which are held at the end of March, or at the beginning of April. The selection process has an indeterminate number of positions, but those selected will have met or exceeded a minimum-rating requirement.

T . C . H . S . S P E E C H T E A M

Tammy Ellis

The purpose of the Speech Team is to promote and participate in events of the National Forensic League and to encourage and support the activities of the

Speech and Debate program at The Colony High School, especially in the area of speech competition. After school practice is required for tournament competition. Speech tournaments are held approximately once a month on Friday and/or Saturdays. There are 8-10 speaking events available to choose from.

T H E S P I A N S O C I E T Y T R O U P E 5 2 9 9

Tammy Ellis

To be a member of the troupe, a student must participate in two full length plays or four one-act

plays in either a technical or acting capacity and earn 10 points on a scale developed by the thespian organization.

The Thespian Society is an honorary organization that recognizes outstanding work in theatre. The Troupe is a part of the Texas Thespian organization and attends the annual convention. Students earn membership based on number of hours devoted to theatre and the quality of work.

The purpose of the Thespian Society Troupe is to promote theater in the secondary school and recognize and reward those who work hard. The International Thespian Society granted the charter for the troupe to TCHS in 1993.

Membership dues are required.

T H E C O L O N Y P L A Y E R S

Tammy Ellis

The Colony Players is a theater ensemble that produces the main stage plays for each school year. Their season consists of two plays, a UIL competition one-act play, and a student

directed spring production. Students must audition to become a member and must maintain UIL eligibility at all time. The audition consists of two monologues of no more than five minutes that are evaluated by a panel of qualified judges, recommendations from four teachers and a resume. Students must have completed Theater Arts I prior to auditioning.

THE PAW PRINT NEWSPAPER

Ruste Foster

Students who want to be a member of The Paw Print must complete Journalism I and be approved by the adviser. Applications are available at the end

of each term, and must be completed prior to enrolling in the course for the next term (see the adviser in Room K108).

The Paw Print is a student-driven newspaper with a mission to cover campus-sponsored activities before, after, and during the school day. Staffers are required to interview people, write stories, shoot photos, sell advertising, and design the layout for the paper each month. Skill in photography, art, and ad design would be helpful. Staffs will be asked to participate in UIL competition, and may be invited to attend scholastic conferences and camps.

TRACK OF THE CAT YEARBOOK

Janet Shideler

Students who want to be a member of the TOTC yearbook staff must be approved by the TOTC adviser. Applications must be completed in the spring before

enrolling in the course, and a one-year commitment is preferred. Yearbook students will be trained in the following areas: computers, photography, design, writing, Adobe In Design and Photoshop.

The purpose of the Track of the Cat is to produce the official yearbook of The Colony High School. Its mission is to cover all aspects of student life, academics, clubs and organizations, and all school-sponsored sports.

XTREME BIBLE STUDY

Rachel Gillman

The purpose of the club is to provide a weekly student-led Bible study on campus. Meetings are held in J111 on Wednesday's at 7:45 AM.