

TSA CHAPTER BYLAWS:

Article I: Name

SECTION 1:

The official name of this organization shall be the "ARGS Technology Student Association" and may be referred to as "ARGS – TSA."

Article II: Purposes

SECTION 1:

The general purposes of this organization are:

- To promote leadership, teamwork, and scholarship.
- To promote the technology education program of (ARGS).
- To increase the knowledge and understanding of industry and society and its relationship to technological advancement.

SECTION 2:

The specific purposes of the Association are:

- To develop through group action the ability of members to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects.
- To promote high standards of workmanship and safety.
- To assist in providing guidance and counseling for students enrolled in our technology education program and in making meaningful choices in selected occupational fields.
- To develop consumer knowledge in students.
- To provide career information pertaining to a broad range of occupations.
- To provide exploratory experiences in technology laboratories, and observations in business or industry to acquaint students with jobs in different careers.
- To promote and encourage all students in creative expression.

Article III: Membership

SECTION 1:

(ARGS) TSA will recognize membership through its local chartered chapter, if all constitutional requirements of the Technology Student Association (TSA) are met.

SECTION 2:

(ARGS) TSA will be chartered as a member of TSA, Inc., upon approval of (Virginia) TSA Incorporated.

SECTION 3:

(ARGS) TSA will recognize student membership through local chapter affiliation with the Technology Student Association.

SECTION 4:

The (ARGS) TSA chapter will govern membership eligibility.

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SECTION 5:

Active members shall be any student in the Technology Focus area at the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology or any student enrolled in a Technology course.

An active member shall pay dues and may be declared to hold office, to participate in competitive events and projects, to serve as a voting delegate or otherwise represent his or her chapter in (ARGS).

TSA affairs as may be approved the (ARGS) TSA Bylaws.

SECTION 6:

Membership in TSA is from August 1 to July 31.

SECTION 7:

Alumni membership may be obtained after graduation from school by paying annual dues. Alumni members cannot vote or hold office.

SECTION 8:

The Chapter Officers shall consist of a: **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, and Parliamentarian.**

SECTION 9:

An executive committee shall serve as a credential committee to review all chapter officer candidates and their qualifications. Also, the executive committee will have the right to fill by appointment any vacancy that occurs in the chapter officers for the unexpired term, except the office of President, which shall be filled by the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IV: VOTING

SECTION 1:

All registered voting delegates in attendance at the general assembly shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

SECTION 1:

Officer's meetings will be held (at least once a month). The time and place of the meeting will be designated by the (ARGS) TSA executive committee.

SECTION 2:

The chapter officers and the chapter advisor shall have the right to set up special meetings.

SECTION 3:

There shall be an election of chapter officers held (enter the date determined by the local executive committee: ____/____/____).

SECTION 4:

Parliamentary procedure for Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern all meetings of the (ARGS) TSA.

ARTICLE VI: CHAPTER OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

Chapter officers shall be elected by a majority of delegate votes cast at a general meeting (enter the date determined by the local executive committee: ____/____/____) to hold office for the coming year and until new officer are elected.

SECTION 2:

Graduating seniors are not eligible to be a candidate for a chapter office.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: President

The chapter President shall:

- Preside at and conduct meetings according to parliamentary procedure.
- Appoint committees and serve as ex officio member of each committee.
- Keep the meetings moving at an interesting pace.
- Call upon other officers to take the chair when necessary or desirable.
- Keep association activities progressing in a satisfactory manner.
- Represent the association in outside activities.
- Serve as a member of the association advisory committee or appoint a member from the Executive Board to fulfill that duty.

SECTION 2: Vice-President

The chapter Vice-President shall:

- Assist the President.
- Record member votes.
- Succeed the President in case of vacancy.
- Serve as chairperson of the membership and program committee
- Meet with and be responsible for all committees.

SECTION 3: Secretary

The chapter Secretary shall:

- Prepare and read the minutes of each meeting.
- Count and record member votes.
- Read correspondence and communications at meetings.
- Keep association permanent records.
- Post notices to members pertaining to association activities and send invitations to guests.
- Be responsible for association correspondence.
- Call the meeting to order in the absence of the presiding officer.

SECTION 4: Treasurer

The chapter Treasurer shall:

- Report financial standing at each meeting. (A written report should be provided to each officer.)
- Keep an accurate record of receipts and payments.
- Obtain and present ideas and suggestions for increasing the treasury and financing activities.
- Keep the state TSA advisor apprised of the financial changes of the (ARGS) TSA.

SECTION 5: Reporter

The chapter Reporter shall:

- Prepare articles for publication.
- Contact members to obtain news regarding the association.
- Contact personnel in charge of other publications and provide copy conforming to their requests.
- Assist with planning and arranging TSA exhibits for school and community functions.
- Act as editor of chapter publications with the responsibility of developing and publishing.

SECTION 6: Sergeant-at-Arms

The chapter Sergeant at Arms shall:

- Arrange meeting rooms and care for chapter paraphernalia.
- Be responsible for comfort of those present at the meeting.
- Assist officer candidates prior to and during elections.
- Arrange entertainment, refreshments, and other details related to meeting programs.
- Serve as chairperson for the welfare committee.

SECTION 7: Historian

The chapter Historian shall:

- Act as historian (history keeper) of the chapter.
- Assist with planning and arranging TSA exhibits for school and community functions.
- Act as assistant editor of chapter publications with the responsibility of developing and publishing accurate chapter details and information.

SECTION 8: Parliamentarian

The chapter Parliamentarian shall:

- Serve as parliamentarian for the chapter.
- Assist officer candidates prior to and during elections.
- Assist during meetings utilizing Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII: THE (ARGS) TSA ADVISOR

SECTION 1:

It is recommended that a Technology Education teacher serve as the chapter advisor; however, in the case where there is no such interested teacher, a state certified educator may be appointed by the school's principal. The appointed advisor will have all the rights and privileges of a regular advisor as long as he/she maintains his/her chapter standing.

ARTICLE IX: ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1:

The (ARGS) TSA is comprised of Technology students in our school.

SECTION 2:

The administration of (ARGS) TSA interests will be vested in the Chapter Advisor and the Chapter Officers.

ARTICLE X: FINANCES

SECTION 1:

The (ARGS) TSA will be responsible for dues as determined by the executive committee and chapter advisor.

SECTION 2:

The (ARGS) TSA shall prepare a budget including receipts and expenditures, for presentation at chapter general assembly meetings.

ARTICLE XI: EMBLEM AND COLORS

SECTION 1:

The TSA emblem is a rectangular shape with three parts. The middle section and largest part of the emblem contains the letters TSA in a very large, bold print. The letters are white on a blue background. Below these letters and about 1/3 the size, is the name of the association—Technology Student Association—in white letters on a red background. The top portion of the emblem is a blank, red, rectangular shape, the same size as the bottom area. This portion is intentionally left blank so that each state can put its own name on the emblem if desired.

SECTION 2:

The colors of (ARGS) TSA shall be **scarlet (red) PMS 1795**, **white**, and **navy blue PMS 286**.

Scarlet (red)—represents the strength and determination of the technology education students and teachers to obtain their goal.

White—represents the high standards, morals, and religious beliefs we hold.

Blue (navy)—represents the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of our technological world.

ARTICLE XII: MOTTO AND CREED

SECTION 1:

The motto of the (School Name) Technology Student Association will be “Learning to live in a technical world.”

SECTION 2:

The creed of the (School Name) Technology Student Association will be:

I believe that Technology Education holds an important place in my life in the technical world.

*I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work,
tools, materials, experimentation, and processes of industry.*

*Guided by my teachers, artisans from industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my
best in making my school, community, state, and nation better places in which to live.*

*I will accept the responsibilities that are mine. I will accept the theories that are supported
by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safer, more effective methods of working and living.*

I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals.

Through the work of my hands and mind, I will express my ideas to the best of my ability.

*I will make it my goal to do better each day the task before me, and to be steadfast in my
belief in my God, and my fellow Americans.*

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1:

An amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing by an active member, at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 2:

The proposed amendment must be approved by a three-fourths majority of the voting delegates present at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3:

Amendments will become effective in sixty (60) days unless a different time period is stipulated.

BYLAW APPROVAL and SIGN-OFF:

TSA Officers:

President:

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Vice-President:

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Secretary:

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Treasurer:

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Reporter:

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Sgt-at-Arms:

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Historian:

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Parliamentarian:

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Chapter Advisors:

Lead Advisor:

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Assistant Advisor:

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Assistant Advisor:

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School Administration:

Principal:

____/____/____

Assistant Principal:

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