First Meeting Agenda

(30–45 Minutes)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 minutes)

   Introduce yourself, describe your role, and have students introduce themselves

2. **What is TSA?** (5–10 minutes)

   Discuss:

   - STEM opportunities
   - Competitions
   - Leadership experiences
   - Conferences/travel
   - Community service

3. **Student Activity or Icebreaker** (10 minutes)

   Engage students with a quick icebreaker or activity

4. **Competitive Events Spotlight** (5–10 minutes)

   Show examples of TSA competitions and projects

5. **How to Get Involved** (5 minutes)

   Discuss:

   - Membership information and expectations
   - Meeting schedule and involvement opportunities
   - Events
   - Communication channels

6. **Q&A + Sign-Ups** (5 minutes)

   Collect student sign-up form and answer questions

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TSA First Meeting Talking Points

These talking points are designed to help advisors confidently introduce highlights of the Technology Student Association (TSA) during an interest meeting. Advisors can personalize or shorten/lengthen these scripts based on the audience and time available.

What is TSA?

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national student organization focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). TSA members learn by engaging in hands-on projects, competitions, leadership experiences, teamwork, and real-world problem solving. Whether you are interested in engineering, coding, video production, design, robotics, leadership, or just exploring something new, TSA has opportunities for you.

Why Students Should Join TSA?

TSA involvement provides a chance to explore interests, meet new people, build leadership skills, and gain experiences that can help prepare you for college and a future career.

Students join TSA to compete, work on team projects, challenge themselves, travel to state and even the national conference, and have fun while learning new skills. In addition, TSA helps members gain confidence, build resumes, and enhance college and scholarship applications.

Competitive Events

A major part of TSA is its array of competitive events. TSA competitions focus on engineering, robotics, coding, architecture, video production, fashion design, leadership, dragster design, problem solving, and more.

TSA has both individual and team competitions; most competitive events involve designing and creating projects and portfolios to solve real-world challenges. Members are eligible to compete at the local, state, and national levels.

Leadership Opportunities

TSA involvement gives members ample opportunities to grow as leaders. Student members can help organize meetings and activities, lead projects, and work closely with others who share similar interests. They also can run for election to chapter, state, and national officer positions.

Experiences such as these help members build communication, teamwork, organization, and leadership skills that are valuable in school, college, and future careers.

Conferences and Travel

TSA members have opportunities to attend conferences and events at the local, state, and national levels. These events bring together members who share similar interests in STEM and leadership.

Conferences at any level feature competitions, leadership workshops, special interest sessions, networking opportunities, and a lot of fun experiences.

Next Steps for Interested Students

If you are interested in joining TSA, doing so is easy! Before you leave today, put your name on the sign-in form so that information about upcoming meetings, competitions, and activities can be shared with you.

There is no need to be a current expert in STEM to join TSA… because TSA is a place to learn, try new things, and grow.