



August 16, 2007

Dear Parent,

I am pleased to inform you about an exciting program that Roland Public Schools is privileged to have. The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national, nonprofit organization for middle and high school students with a strong interest in technology. Since TSA was chartered in 1978, over 2,000,000 students have participated. The mission of TSA is to "prepare its student members for the challenges of a dynamic world by promoting technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving skills, resulting in personal growth and opportunities."

While enrolled in the Technology Education program at Roland, your child will become eligible for membership in the local chapter of TSA. If your child remains interested in TSA in future years but is unable to enroll in Technology Education, he or she may still hold membership eligibility, so long as they have completed one year of Technology Education and has met the yearly local membership requirements.

TSA teaches students leadership and responsibility. Members are required to meet official dress requirements, attend chapter meeting (after school), participate in fundraisers, and assist in the yearly community service project. Members attend local, state, and national conferences throughout the year. Conferences host competitive events for members that include events such as: Graphic Design, Structural Engineering, Film Technology, Technical Research & Report Writing, Prepared Speech, Medical Technology, Mechanical Challenge, and even Marine Design.

If your child wishes to become eligible for TSA, the following steps should be met:

- Consult the *RTSA Membership Information, Requirements & Guidelines* sheet (rolandtsa.org) for complete membership information
- Be enrolled in Technology Education
- Sign up and participate in the Roland Technology Challenge (1st 9 Weeks)
- Attend TSA Primary Meeting
- Participate in RTSA fundraisers

It is very important that if your child wishes to become a member that all requirements are met. All students enrolled in Technology Education and have a 2.0 GPA may become a member; however, not all members will be an *active* member. Active members have met all requirements and are the only members allowed to travel and participate in conferences.

Thank you,

Stephen O'Neal

Student Rules & Expected Behavior

1. Students will be prompt to school on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007.
2. Students will bring only necessary luggage and items with them on the trip.
3. Males and females will not sit together on the bus, and will alternate between front and back after dark. Furthermore, a seat on each row shall separate the two genders.
4. Students will refrain from throwing things, making loud noises, vulgarity, cursing, obscene gestures, or any other inappropriate behavior deemed by the teacher, driver, or chaperone.
5. Students will not leave valuables on the bus.
6. Students who bring audio devices will not bring media with inappropriate language or suggestions. If necessary, the device and media shall be seized by the teacher, or chaperone.
7. Students will not be allowed in rooms of the opposite sex. Appropriate action will be taken immediately by the advisor.
8. Students will be in their assigned hotel rooms by curfew. Conference curfew is set by the state at 11:30 pm. Curfew may be adjusted by advisor. Once curfew is set, students shall not leave their hotel room for any non-emergency situation. Appropriate action will be taken immediately by the advisor.
9. Students shall only use the hotel phones for appropriate use. Prank calls and hang ups are unacceptable behavior.
10. Students will go to all registered competitive events, chapter meetings, and evening outings (such as dinner and recreational activities).
11. Students will behave appropriately and remain quiet at the hotel, especially after 9:00 PM.
12. Students who cause other guests to check-out early may be subject to paying for that hotel room.
13. Students will pick-up after themselves and act appropriately at all times.
14. Students will refrain from disturbances at restaurants.
15. Students will clean and straighten up hotel room to the best of their ability, ie: pick up trash, straighten chairs, hang up towels and washcloths, pick-up belongings, check under beds, and make beds.
16. Students will wear official dress at the awards assembly, even if they know they did not place.

PARENTS & STUDENTS PLEASE READ ABOVE STATEMENTS

Immediate action will be taken against students who choose not to follow these procedures.
Students may be sent home at their own expense.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student

Date

If your child will be carrying a cell phone, please provide that number here: ____ - ____ - _____

For Additional Information Phone: 427-7388