



**Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools**  
**2019 MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT**

**Membership in TAPPS**

In accordance with **Section 7** of the TAPPS By-Laws, our school qualifies for membership in TAPPS.

In accordance with **Section 8** of the TAPPS By-Laws, our school is eligible to participate.

In accordance with **Section 9** of the TAPPS By-Laws our school has submitted the annual PARTICIPATION FORM and all fees owed by the September 3 deadline.

Based on the information presented in **Section 10** of the TAPPS By-Laws, our school is eligible to participate in TAPPS for the current school year.

**Section 12** of the TAPPS By-Laws has been reviewed and our school shall abide by the governance should legal action be brought against TAPPS by your school, your employees, parents of enrolled students or on behalf of your school, employees or students.

**Organization**

**Section 25** of the TAPPS By-Laws has been reviewed and our school shall be in compliance with the spirit and letter of the rule.

**Student Eligibility**

**Section 78** Our school has reviewed the eligibility requirements for International (Border) students.

**Section 79** Our school has reviewed the eligibility requirements for boarding students.

**Section 80** Our school has reviewed the eligibility requirements for students not living with their parents.

**Section 81** Students who have graduated from a high school shall not compete for our school.

**Section 82** Students competing for our school shall be enrolled in at least four academic classes.

**Section 83** Students must be in compliance with the regular attendance guidelines presented.

**Section 84** Students who have been in high school for more than 4 years since enrollment in the ninth grade will not compete for our school.

**Section 85** Students not yet in high school will not compete with or against high school students in varsity or sub-varsity competition.

**Section 102** Our school has reviewed the eligibility requirements for international students.

**Section 104** Our school has reviewed the eligibility requirements for high school students transferring to our school.

**Health and Safety**

Our school shall put in place policies and procedures to insure compliance with **Section 142** of the TAPPS By-Laws.

Our school shall report all injuries as required to TAPPS in a timely manner.

Our school **shall develop** an injury review team to develop and implement a return to play protocol for injuries including but not limited to concussion and season ending injuries. The return to play policy shall be distributed to school employees and families.

**Athletic By-Laws**

Our school shall abide by the governance outlined in **Sections 130 – 197** of the TAPPS By-Laws.

Our school shall designate an athletic director charged with compliance of athletic regulations.

Our school shall abide by the terms outlined in **Section 136** of the TAPPS By-Laws governing In-Season, Out of Season and Off-Season participation by students and coaches.

**Fine Arts By-Laws**

Our school shall abide by the governance outlined in **Sections 198-261** of the TAPPS By-Laws.

Our school shall designate a fine arts director charged with compliance of fine art regulations.

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**Media Information**

TAPPS media contracts shall take precedence over school contracts for all district and post-district contests. TAPPS media contracts shall be in place if the school has not engaged in contract for non-district contests. The member school shall make every effort to comply with the terms of TAPPS media contracts. The member school shall require a media release from students and employees allowing TAPPS and TAPPS official partners to use their name, likeness, and information relevant to TAPPS participation in the production, promotion or publication of TAPPS media.

**Legal Action**

In the event that any civil judicial action, including a TRO or Temporary Injunction, is brought against TAPPS, the Executive Board, the Fine Arts Executive Committee, the Athletic Executive Committee, any District Committee, any ad hoc or other Committees of the organization, any officer or member of such Boards or Committees, or a TAPPS Member School, for any decision, interpretation, implementation, execution or enforcement of the provisions of the TAPPS Constitution and/or By-Laws, the following actions may be taken:

1. Probation of the individual student seeking judicial relief and/or the TAPPS Member School he/she attends;
2. Stripping awards from teams and/or individuals;
3. Disqualification from participation for the individual student and/or the full team seeking judicial relief for a full year from the conclusion of the legal action;

If a lawsuit or judicial action as described above is filed by or on behalf of a TAPPS Member School, its employee, representative, volunteer, student, or parent or guardian of a student, TAPPS and all of its related representatives and parties shall be reimbursed for any and all expenses and fees in connection with the investigation, defense and resolution of said action. If TAPPS must retain counsel to answer letters, contact, demands or other such actions, the above actions and reimbursement shall be required.

Written notice shall be provided for the payment of all expenses and fees incurred as described above to the party who brought the action. The fees charged by the TAPPS representatives are not subject to review or negotiation by the member school. If, within 90 days after receiving said notice, the expenses and fees remain unpaid, the TAPPS Executive Board shall suspend from participation in all TAPPS activities the student(s) and/or TAPPS Member School for a period of one to three years.

This contract is not valid until accepted and approved by the TAPPS Executive Board.

***Through signature below I attest and certify that our school will abide by the conditions and requirements for membership in TAPPS, including the timely payment of all fees.***

Head Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For office use**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Entered by \_\_\_\_\_

Date Board Approved \_\_\_\_\_