

# Tennenbaum Technology High School PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK 2013 - 2014

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"Every student has the ability. We give them the opportunity."

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the "free-dress policy." Students who are not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in the activity.

Students will be asked to present their ID card to enter school-sponsored events. Students must remain inside or within specified areas once they have arrived. Once a student leaves the event, the student cannot return. Parents are expected to pick up their student immediately following the end of the event. Parents are also invited to help chaperone school events such as dances and parties. Students are expected to follow school rules at all school-sponsored events. Only outside guests that have been approved by administration will be allowed to attend school-sponsored events.

***DANCING:*** All dancing should be done with dignity and self-respect. This is your warning!! This includes, but is not limited to: MOSHING, SLAM, BODY/CROWD SURFING and BUMP/GRIND. Any chaperone seeing any of the mentioned types of dancing or the like, will ask the student(s) to call home and he/she will be removed from the dance. If you are removed from the dance – you will not be allowed to attend the next scheduled dance.

#### **SPORTS TEAMS**

Tenn Tech is an associate member of the CIF and competes officially against other schools in athletics. The sports in which the school will field a team will depend on student and staff interest. All students who participate on a team must meet CIF's rules for eligibility along with Tenn Tech's requirement of a minimum 2.1 grade point average. Additionally, students must meet behavioral requirements and must be present at school on game days in order to compete.

#### **CLUBS**

The school will have a variety of clubs and will consider adding new ones each year in response to students' interests and faculty sponsorship.

#### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT**

Meaningful parent involvement is a critical dimension of Alliance school effective schooling and improves student achievement. Research has shown that active and consistent parent involvement leads to student success.

#### **PARENT/STUDENT/STAFF SCHOOL COMPACT**

The school firmly believes that all students can and will achieve at high levels when administrators, teachers, staff and parents work in collaboration with each other. As stated in the Parent/Student/Staff School Compact, each partner accepts responsibility for the successful education and college preparation of each student. This document is part of each student's enrollment packet and is explained to all new families during orientation. Continuing parents and students are asked to sign the compact at the beginning of each school year.

#### **PARENTS AS PARTNERS (PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY)**

The school values the role of parents as their child's first teacher and welcomes their active involvement in their child's education. The school believes:

- Parents are partners and are needed to take active and meaningful role to insure the success of the school.
- Parents must be meaningfully and actively engaged in their child's education and responsible for supporting their child's learning at home.
- Parents must also understand what it will take to prepare their child for college.
- Parents must support the goals of the school through their voice and through volunteering a minimum of 40 hours per year.
- Attend at least 4 Parent Education Academy Sessions each year

- Complete an annual parent satisfaction survey

#### **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED**

Research shows that effective and consistent parent participation leads to student success. Below are some suggestions to help your child succeed academically.

##### *Tips to Help Your Child Succeed*

1. Encourage your child to be an active and responsible learner who completes and turns in assignments and homework when they are due and seeks assistance when needed.
2. Ensure that your child arrives to school on time each day and supports school policies such as discipline, safety, proper school attire, textbook care, etc.
3. Review your child's agenda and encourage your child to use it on a regular basis to keep track of homework assignments, projects, exams and other important school events.
4. Monitor your child's overall progress on a regular basis. Do not wait until progress reports and report cards are issued to find out how your child is doing in school.
5. If your child is struggling with their schoolwork or needs help, speak with your child's advisor and/or teachers and ensure that your child attends after school tutoring.
6. Help your child establish a regular time and place to study and to complete their homework and school projects. Make sure your child's study area is well-lit and is stocked with necessary school supplies.
7. Talk to your child about what is happening at school and what they are learning.
8. Encourage your child to read for pleasure and limit TV, video game and Internet usage.
9. Attend all scheduled parent/teacher conferences, school activities and parent educational workshops.
10. Support your child's school by volunteering a minimum of 40 hours each year. Contact the school for more information.

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

There are a number of ways you can volunteer and demonstrate your commitment. Parent volunteer service hours are earned by directly supporting the school and by supporting your child academically. Each family is expected to volunteer 40 hours per school year. Twenty hours should be applied to supporting the school and 20 hours should be applied to supporting your child academically.

##### *POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL INCLUDE:*

- Office support
- Fundraising activities
- Breakfast and lunch distribution
- Field trip assistance and supervision
- Special events assistance
- Arrival and dismissal supervision( Cross Walk )
- Yard supervision
- Visitor's supervision
- Take-home assignments
- Initiating phone trees
- Leadership activities such as serving as the parent representative for your child's advisory class, participation in the parent advisory committee, school board of directors, or participating in other school committees

##### *POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ACADEMICALLY INCLUDE:*

- Saturday parent workshop participation
- Classroom visits
- Classroom support