

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What sports are offered at TCMS?

Boys Sports	Approx. Dates	Game Days	Girls Sports	Approx. Dates	Game Days
Cross Country	9/2-10/28	Varies	Cross Country	9/2/10/28	Varies
Boys Soccer	9/6 - 10/21	Tues/Thurs	<i>Girls Volleyball</i>	9/5-10/21	Mon/Wed
<i>Boys Basketball</i>	11/4-12/15	Mon/Wed	Girls Cheer	Fall - Winter	Varies
Boys Flag Football	1/22-3/9	Mon/Wed	<i>Girls Basketball</i>	11/5-12/15	Tues/Thurs
Boys Baseball	Spring	Varies	Girls Soccer	1/23-3/9	Tues/Thurs
Track	3/31-5/19	Varies	Track	3/31-5/19	Varies

**Dates / Sport offerings may change*

*Sports in **blue** also have a JV Team (6th grade only)*

Are we a member of or affiliated to an athletic league?

Yes. We are part of the Tampa Charter Athletic League (TCAL). This league was formed in order to formalize and promote competitive athletics at charter schools in our area. At times, we also scrimmage private schools in the Tampa Bay Area. We have tryouts for our sports teams (made up of 1 team 6th-8th grade) stated above. For the sports of boys and girls basketball, as well as girls volleyball, we will also hold tryouts for a JV team solely for 6th graders.

What do I need to know if my child is interested in playing a sport during the 2018-19 schoolyear?

If your child is interested in playing in competitive sports at TCMS, you will need to be on the lookout for an email in the weeks leading up to each sport from Mrs. Samantha Kahn (reference above table for dates). This will be an email with all the tryout details, and a Tryout Sign-Up Link to sign up your child. In addition, announcements with details will be made during the school morning show, and posted on our Athletics bulletin board.

If your child makes the final team after tryouts, they will need to turn in an FHSAA Sports Physical to have on file before they can practice/play. Your child can turn the form in directly to Nurse Kloppenburg, or to their teacher during HR. This document can be found in the Links/Documents section of the TCMS Athletics Webpage. Before submitting the form, please

make a copy of it for your records. The form is good for 1 calendar year from the date of the examination. Therefore, once we have one on file, there is no need to resubmit if your child makes a second team. It can also be turned in ahead of tryouts, or during the summer months before the school year starts if you chose to.

What are the eligibility requirements for my child to participate in any of your sports clubs or teams?

- Student must be in good academic standing: 2.5 GPA or higher with no F's
- Have no Level 1 disciplinary referrals. Loss of privileges includes athletics. They may apply for reinstatement after 20 school days in writing to the Athletic Director. This letter will be addressed at the next Administrative Meeting, usually held on Wednesdays.
- Players who are not eligible to play, may still attend games to support their teammates.

Is there a cost for my child to participate in an athletic team?

Yes. There is a player fee to help cover all team operating costs (coaches, officiating, equipment, any facility needs, and miscellaneous costs). This can be paid to their HR teacher in check made payable to TCMS, or using the SCRIPTS link on the Athletics webpage. Starting in 2018-19, we will NOT accept cash for team fee payments.

How often will my child have practice/games?

Practices are usually reserved for days spanning Monday through Thursday. If a student has FSA Tutoring, they are to inform the coach and report to tutoring FIRST before attending the remainder of that day's practice. The frequency depends on the coach and facility availability. Generally, teams will meet 2-4 days per week between practices and games combined. At times a practice/game may be scheduled on a Friday. With the exception of the soccer and baseball teams that practice off site, all practices are held on site immediately after dismissal at 3:05. Both soccer and baseball will begin their practice between 3:30-4:00 to allow students time to travel to their practice site. Depending on the season, games usually start between 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

Where do we play our home games?

We play our Basketball/Volleyball home games at the Temple Terrace Recreation Center at: 6610 Whiteway Dr, Temple Terrace FL 33617. Our soccer/flag football games are held behind the Temple Terrace Recreation Center at: 6601 E 113 Ave, Temple Terrace FL 33617. Our home baseball games are played at the Temple Terrace Pony Field at: 10369 US HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33637. Cross Country and Track meets are held at various locations.

Does the school offer transportation to and from games?

No. Players carpool to games and off-site practices. Students will meet with all their belongings in the Breezeway (area between the school's two buildings) after dismissal. There, any parents/guardians with available space in their vehicles take in any players who need transportation to the event = carpool. Arrangements made in advance usually ensure a seamless transition to the event location. All parents/guardians are responsible for picking up their own child in a timely manner at the end of the event. PARENTS/GUARDIANS PICKING UP PLAYERS ON GAME DAYS: may drive past the car line and park across the street from the school facing the flea market. After dismissal parents may use the crosswalk to head towards the Breezeway where players will gather to carpool to the event.

****PARENTS MAY ONLY CARPOOL OTHER PLAYERS IF THE VEHICLE IS ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPROVED VEHICLE LIST. The link to this list is available on the TCMS Athletics webpage.****

Will games be held during school?

Most games are held afterschool during the week, with a start time between 4:00 and 5:30. Only a small handful of times per season students might need to be released during the last period of the day. Normally, early dismissal is not necessary. We try to keep academic disruptions to a minimum, but sometimes it is necessary to be let out earlier in order to make it to a game in a timely fashion. Early release days for players only entails missing a portion of their last class period, and is informed to parents and players in advance.

How do I find out if my child's practice or game is unexpectedly cancelled?

Unfortunately, every year there are circumstances in which a practice or game is cancelled the day of the event. Most cancellations are due to inclement weather if the sport is held outside. We always monitor the weather closely when there is a chance of rain. If we decide to cancel a team event, we make an announcement as early as possible in order to allow students enough time to communicate with their families and make new arrangements for pick up. In the event of a cancellation, students may head to the front office to contact their families.

Are uniforms given to players for them to keep? Can they wear them to school on game days?

No. Uniforms are school property; therefore, players are expected to return all uniforms at the end of the season. Any damaged or lost uniform will result in a uniform replacement fee. Players will be allowed to wear their uniform tops ONLY on game days; however, they are NOT allowed to wear them on spirit days. There will be an athletics spirit shirt available for purchase to be used on spirit days.

How long will the season last?

Seasons usually last about 6-8 weeks from tryouts to the end of the season.