

# TAPPS MEMBERSHIP

Schools applying for membership in TAPPS must meet the following guidelines prior to beginning the application process outlined below. Applicant schools must

- have students in grades 9-12 at the time of application and acceptance for participation,
- have a minimum of 20 students in grades 9-12. This is an average of 5 students per grade,
- have participated in athletic interscholastic contests at the High School level
- have the recommendation of at least three (3) current TAPPS member schools.

For schools which meet the **Minimum Standards for Membership**, the membership process is outlined below.

## 1. Phone Interview

- a. Head Administrator should contact the TAPPS office for a brief interview
- b. TAPPS Office phone - 254-947-9268

## 2. Application

- a. Upon successful completion of the Phone Interview, the prospective school will be mailed an Application for TAPPS Membership
- b. School should complete all sections of the TAPPS *Application for Membership*
- c. School should include all requested documentation
- d. *Application for Membership* and documentation should be mailed to TAPPS Office along with nonrefundable \$200 application fee.

## 3. Interview with TAPPS Executive Board

- a. Interviews are held twice during the year
- b. January Board Meeting – Salado
- c. June Board Meeting – San Antonio

## 4. Notification from TAPPS Office

- a. Schools will be notified of Acceptance within 10 days of the Board Interview
- b. Schools accepted for membership will be assigned to a District
  - i. New School will be Notified
  - ii. Districts will be notified
  - iii. Acceptance for District Honors subject to Section 59 of the TAPPS By-Laws
- c. Schools not accepted for membership are eligible to reapply at a future date

## 5. New School Training

- a. Schools must attend a training session with the TAPPS office prior to their first season of participation