

TOP TEN PROJECT

# Seven Lakes High School

2025-2026





TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

High School


Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

PLEASE INDICATE:

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT.

THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT.

School Name submitting the application.	School Address:
Seven Lakes High School	9251 S Fry Rd, Katy, TX 77494
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Katy, Texas 77494	27,700
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
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School UIL Classification:	
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Project Name:	Project Dates:
Spartan Games	February 18 - March 20, 2025
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in the Project:
529	40
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
3,800	3,800
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
300	22
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
3	200

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. THE TASC WEBSITE DOES NOT ACCEPT GOOGLE DOCS.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle-Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

## **Spartan Games**

**Purpose and Objectives:** The *Spartan Games* is a charity-driven event that aims to spark a competitive spirit within the school and puts our combined efforts into helping support those in need around us. Our main objective is to allow everyone from teachers to students to participate so that all play a part in helping the community.

**Brief Description:** Spartan Games is a multi-week competition where nominated teachers go against one another in a battle to raise the most donations and school spirit. Through fundraising and donation drives, the event mobilizes the entire student body to support local organizations, culminating in a high-energy pep rally that celebrates the teachers, students, and the school's impact on our community.

**Description Of Involvement:** Students nominated teachers they wanted to see participate in the Spartan Games events, and we then asked the top 12 teachers to compete. The first week, students donated coins (positive points) and bills (negative points) to teachers of their choice during lunch, with the teacher holding the least amount of points being eliminated each day. All monetary donations go to Arc of Katy to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The next week, students donated canned goods (positive points) to teachers of their choice, continuing the elimination trend from the previous week. Donations go to the Katy Christian Ministries food pantry to distribute to individuals facing food insecurity. STUCO members helped us sort donations and paint posters to advertise. The final week, a pep rally was held with the final four contestants, a champion was crowned, and we asked Band and Cheer to perform. Students from all grades attended the pep rally, wearing their favorite teachers' assigned colors to show their support.



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to explain the profound impact of the Seven Lakes High School Student Council's signature project, the *Spartan Games*. It is an exemplary model of student leadership, community engagement, and school spirit.

The Spartan Games is a student-driven event in which teachers are selected by the student body to compete in a multi-round competition. The first round, Penny Wars, encourages students to actively participate by donating money to support the teacher they wish to advance. This round not only generates excitement but also teaches students strategic thinking and collective action, as coins count as positive points while dollar bills subtract from a teacher's total. The money is then donated to charity, meaning the student body is actively contributing to their community in a fun and strategic game. The second round shifts the focus toward service, with students donating canned goods to support the local community. Teachers who collect the most donations advance to the final round, a pep rally where the remaining four teachers compete in games to be crowned the Spartan Games champion.

What makes the Spartan Games especially impactful is its ability to unify the school community. Students from all grade levels participate, whether by donating, cheering, or organizing logistics, and teachers willingly step into roles that strengthen relationships with students beyond the classroom. The event promotes healthy competition, generosity, and school pride. However what I like most about the event is it also reinforces the importance of giving back to the broader community.

As a two time Spartan Games teacher champion, I have seen firsthand how deeply this event impacts our school and beyond. The level of engagement generated by the Spartan Games is remarkable. Students who may not typically attend school events eagerly participate, and the sense of connection between students and staff carries well beyond the day of the pep rally. The Spartan Games empowers students to lead, plan, and execute a large-scale event that has tangible outcomes for both school culture and community service.

The Spartan Games stands as a testament to what student councils can accomplish when creativity, leadership, and service are placed at the center of school life. Its lasting impact on school unity makes it a program worthy of recognition and celebration.

Sincerely,

Sara Flora  
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Seven Lakes High School

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Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only) Councils may want this as a reference.

School Name	1 Not Met	2	3 Met	4	5 Exceeds
Project Meets Objective					
Amount of Involvement: Council					
Amount of Involvement: Student(s)					
Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations					
Amount of Involvement: Teachers					
Amount of Involvement: Community					
Originality					
Overall Results: Students					
Overall Results: Faculty/Community					
Project relative to school/community size					
Submitted proposal for presentation at conference					
Evaluation Score Subtotals					

Total Evaluation Score \_\_\_\_\_

**For Collaborative Project, list contact information for all councils involved.**

School Name	School Mailing Address (include zip code)	Advisor Name	Advisor Email Address

