

TSCA Policy for the TSCA Listserv

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The Tennessee School Counseling Association (TSCA¹) listserv is a moderated discussion forum for school counselors. This listserv was created to promote and benefit School Counselors and the profession of School Counseling. Operation of the listserv is financed by TSCA via member dues and it is a benefit for TSCA members. Listserv membership is open to anyone.

As a moderated listserv, all messages are screened by the webmaster before posting. The criteria for messages to be approved for the listserv follows the criteria listed below:

- 1) Messages may not include any offer to solicit, induce, promote, or conduct business. This includes for profit and non-profit businesses and organizations. This does not exclude postings or messages where a poster² is providing a resource(s) in response to a request for such a resource. Additionally, this rule does not preclude messages from organizations that are sponsors of TSCA. However, TSCA sponsors do need prior approval of the TSCA President before posting to the listserv. The TSCA President will then review each request with a committee of the President's choosing.
- 2) The School Counseling profession is a growing and ever changing professional field. Open discussion, disagreement, suggestions, and questions of controversial and "real life" topics are common and are expected in areas

¹ <http://www.tnschoolcounselor.org/>

² Poster – A person sending a message on the TCA listserv

where professionals seek to understand and learn new ideas. However, respect, tolerance, and professionalism is also expected of listserv members and of persons posting messages, comments, suggestions, and questions. TSCA listserv members agree to the following guidelines for ethical and appropriate behavior when using the TSCA listserv. These guidelines are also incorporated into the TSCA listserv policy.

(a) TSCA, its members, and members of the TSCA listserv agree to follow, support, and accept the guideline and rules as set forth by the American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics ³.

(b) Listserv members are also obligated to follow the Terms of Service set forth by the listserv host site ⁴.

(c) TSCA listserv members agree to follow the policy of the Tennessee School Counseling Association and to not knowingly engage in or support activities that discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

(d) Members of the TSCA listserv understand that threats, cultural and religious intolerance, and any violation of the above guidelines is forbidden and not permitted. Violators will be immediately removed from the listserv.

³ ACA – American Counseling Association - www.Counseling.org

⁴ Terms of Service http://info.yahoo.com/legal/us/yahoo/utos/utos-1_73.html

- 3) The TSCA listserv format is a new and changing technology. It is not a peer reviewed authority. Therefore, TSCA cannot and will not be held liable for the messages, actions, accuracy, or statements made by posters to the listserv. Individual members of the listserv are ultimately responsible for their own postings and the consequences.
- 4) Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the TSCA Board to approve, support, and/or modify the TSCA listserv policy statement. Members are obligated and encouraged to monitor this site for policy changes that may be made after each TSCA Board meeting. This policy and changes are posted on the TSCA web site <http://www.tnschoolcounselor.org/>
- 5) Listserv members that violate any of the TSCA listserv policies stated herein are subject to being banned from the TSCA listserv and will be immediately removed from the TSCA listserv. Once removed, only the TSCA Executive Board may reinstitute a banned member