

What Your TAMS membership provides:

- TAMS Tidbits Newsletter and Journal These are mailed to all active members in order to keep you updated on educational developments that are occurring both statewide and nationally.
- Professional Growth Opportunities to attend regional and state conferences can be found in the "What's Happening" section.
- Discounted Rates Available for any member who attends a Saturday morning drive-in conference and/or the annual summer conference.
- Positive force for education Join your fellow educators and become an active member in our efforts to provide a quality education for all students in Tennessee.

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Tennessee Association of Middle Schools

"TidBits"

*(a little information about anything and everything
in the middle of Tennessee education)*

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Featured TidBits:

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- **Membership Survey**



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What's Happening?

- February/March 2009 Drive In Conference, Wthie Station Middle School , Memphis, TN.
- June 17–19, 2009, TAMS 33rd Annual Conference, Sevierville, TN.

Postcards

(Brief News items from around the state)

Tell us about a special program, effective lesson, or best practice that is happening in your school.

Share your idea in 25 words or less.

Postcard from Brentwood, TN. 37027

2006 Blue Ribbon School, Brentwood Middle School has raised student achievement in part by using SmartBoards for math instruction and integrating technology to engage student learning.

TAMS Survey

Please tell us what you want from your organization by completing this survey either online at www.tams.net or mail to the address on the front of this Tidbits brochure:

Why are you a TAMS member? (circle all that apply)

1. I like receiving the publications (TidBits and TAMS Journal).
2. I receive discounts when I attend conferences.
3. I want to support my professional organization.
4. Other: _____

Are you an individual or an institutional member of TAMS?

What benefit would you like to receive from TAMS that you are not receiving?

What topics should we cover in the TidBits or the TAMS Journal?

Do you prefer the TidBits and TAMS Journal to be mailed or emailed?

Hot Topics

NMSA Changing Name

The National Association of Middle Schools is in the process of changing the name of the organization to more accurately reflect the mission and purpose of the organization. To learn more about the NMSA initiative and to get additional information about the name change and time line, you can go to www.nmsa.org. NMSA is gathering possible ideas for the name change from as many members as possible.

Cool Sites

Check out the following URLs:

www.nmsa.org for middle school research and best practices for teaching at the middle school level.

www.tams.net for additional information about Tennessee conferences and archived publications.