



Manor New Technology High School

# Interact Club

## **Introduction**

The Interact Club at Manor New Technology High School gives 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to make a real difference while having fun. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Interact is a school club that supports the school and surrounding community by enhancing school culture through acts of service. The Interact club will host at least two programs, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

## **About Rotary**

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Over 1.2 million Rotarians, from virtually every nation, plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.

## **About Interact**

A Rotary club for High School students, Interact promotes the ideal of service and fosters leadership skills. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local clubs and learn the importance of - Developing leadership skills and personal integrity - Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others - Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work - Advancing international understanding and goodwill.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Interact Club at Manor New Technology High School is to provide service to the community, continually build and enhance school culture through acts of fellowship and community, and to develop leaders through positive interaction with students, staff, visitors, and community members.

## **Goals**

The purpose of Interact is to provide opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of Interact are:

1. To recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity.
2. To encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.
3. To create an awareness of the importance of home and family.
4. To build respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
5. To emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement, and group achievement.
6. To develop life skills including self-development, time management, and personal finances.
7. To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society.
8. To provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national, and world affairs.
9. To open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples.

## Membership

To be eligible for membership a person must be a ManorISD student between the ages of 12-18 and must possess good character and leadership potential. Members are also required to pay yearly membership dues.

## Meetings

The club shall meet not less than twice per month at a time and place suited to the convenience of the members, with due regard for their school obligations. **Club Officers shall meet before each meeting to plan and discuss what will be achieved at each meeting.**

## Club Officers

Officer Position	Job Description
<b>President</b>	As president, you lead and motivate your club, ensuring that club members feel valuable, inspired, and connected to each other. The president also presides over club meetings, appoints committee chairs and members, conduct club meetings, and works directly with treasurer to create a budget and manage club finances.

<p><b>Vice-President</b></p>	<p>The vice president's primary role is to support the president. Responsibilities include: Preside over meetings when the president is absent. Work with the president to handle special assignments. Stay up-to-date on all the club's goals and ongoing activities while serving as overseer of events and activities.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>	<p>Club treasurer plays an important role in the club's ability to carry out service projects, fundraise, and support Interact club events. Treasurer also manages club funds, collects and submit dues and fees, report on the state of the club's finances, and works with The Rotary Foundation.</p>
<p><b>Secretary</b></p>	<p>Club secretary helps club run smoothly and effectively. The secretary also monitors club trends to help identify strengths and areas for improvement. Other duties of the secretary include maintaining membership records, record attendance at meetings, and maintain minutes of club meetings.</p>
<p><b>Community Service Chair</b></p>	<p>The role of the community service chair is to plan projects, carry them out, and evaluate them. Community service chair identifies opportunities for signature projects that will increase club's recognition on campus and in the community. This committee works with other organizations, volunteers, and committee members to maximize the impact of projects, lead efforts to raise money for projects, work with the public relations committee to promote projects, and collaborates with other clubs on projects</p>
<p><b>Recruitment Director</b> <i>(future Public Relations)</i></p>	<p>The role of the Public Relations chair is to create awareness of club activities and projects to club members, the media, and the community. PR Chair supports communication among membership, uses social media to promote awareness of Interact club in the community, and shares club's stories with the local media and Titan Times. It is important for PR chair to learn</p>

	key points for talking about Interact and use them when speaking in public.
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### Activities & Projects

Interactors complete service projects and volunteering acts monthly and carry out at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

The Manor New Tech Interact Club may host campus-wide projects such as:

**Culture Symposium** (First week of school)- A school-wide project in which students will engage in fun-filled activities that introduce and demonstrate the core values and learning outcomes of the school while building school culture.

**Sharing is Caring** (ongoing)- Collection of wasted, unopened foods that are donated to students and local food banks throughout the school year.

**No Place for Hate Activities** (October, December, April)- Campus-wide activities that promote diversity and inclusion of ALL students.

**Academic Awards** (December, May) Semester celebration of campus-wide club and academic awards to recognize students, staff, parents, and community members.

**Black History Month Celebration** (February 16)- A campus-wide event that promotes diversity and equality by acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of blacks and other minority groups.

**Multicultural Fair (co-sponsor)** Campus-wide cultural expo that showcases the different cultural backgrounds of the student body through food, dance, fashion, arts, and language.

### Circle Time Activities & Announcements

### Fees & Dues

In order to be a member in good standing each individual must pay \$10/semester unless otherwise noted by school administration.