



**High School Psychology Teacher State Group Form:  
For Groups Using TOPSS Name**

The American Psychological Association (APA) Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) is the voice of high school psychology teachers within the APA. TOPSS promotes excellence in the teaching of psychological science at the high school level through the *National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula*; meets the curricular, professional development and networking needs of high school psychology teachers; provides opportunities for high school psychology teachers and their students to be recognized and rewarded for their excellence; increases the professional identity and leadership opportunities for high school psychology teachers; and enhances the visibility of psychological science as a means of promoting health, education and human welfare.

Since TOPSS is a trademarked name, any state, local, or regional group of high school psychology teachers that uses the TOPSS name, or any group interested in using the name, must complete the form below and agree to the statement provided (see page 2).

**State or local group name (e.g., New England Teachers of Psychology):**

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**State or local group acronym, if available (e.g., NETOP):** \_\_\_\_\_

**State(s) and/or region(s) represented by group (please be as specific as possible)\*:**

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**Please describe the group: how often do you meet? Are meetings held in person, electronically, or both? How do you reach out to local teachers? Do you have a website? Please limit response to 300 words.**

Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**By agreeing below, I, the undersigned, understand that the group named above (“Group”) can (continue to) use the TOPSS name if it makes clear on its website and/or in relevant materials that it is not formally affiliated with the American Psychological Association (APA) but is recognized by APA as a local group/conference for high school psychology teachers that represents the interests of the APA Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS). By using the TOPSS name, you are agreeing to the following:**

- a. To provide APA staff and the APA Committee of Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) annual updates on the activities of the Group;
- b. To disseminate information from APA and TOPSS through appropriate mode(s) of communication (i.e., websites, mailings, Listservs, at a Group meeting or workshop) at least once a year;
- c. To distribute APA and TOPSS related materials at applicable professional development events and conferences; and
- d. To be available to participate in annual discussions with APA staff and the TOPSS Membership Coordinator regarding ideas for TOPSS membership outreach and retention.

In return, APA will:

- a. Provide the Group with information from APA and TOPSS for dissemination to the appropriate membership, mailing lists, and/or Listservs (if available);
- b. Provide the Group with resources and materials for dissemination at applicable professional development events and conferences;
- c. Help the Group disseminate information to the appropriate parties with information about upcoming professional development events and other important information for teachers; and
- d. Provide the Group with annual updates from APA staff and the TOPSS Membership Coordinator regarding ideas for TOPSS membership outreach and retention.

**Submitted by:**

**Date:**

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