

Template for developing student involvement:
elementary school

Ideal Positions for Students	Creating Volunteer Enthusiasm	FAQ & A
<p>Student Representative Consider the position of student representative. If your school has a student government or similar student leadership group, a representative from that group can promote meaningful communication between the different organizations within the school. Alternatively, consider offering this position to the older students or to a student from each grade.</p> <p>Box Top (or other collections) Coordinator While students may be too young to coordinate the box top collections themselves, they can assist in organizing and counting. Consider forming a group of student volunteers to count box tops one day after school every one or two weeks.</p> <p>Ambassador Students can be exceptional greeters for PTA meetings and PTA sponsored events. Station two or three students at the door to greet parents as they arrive.</p> <p>Festival Committee Holiday celebrations are exciting times for young students. They will jump at any opportunity to help as needed by taking tickets, ushering guests, and working booths.</p>	<p>Membership Campaign Young students love the excitement and competition of a membership campaign.</p> <p>Invite students to participate in the development of the membership theme and the visual demonstrations of membership growth.</p> <p>Include Students Ask children about their ideas and opinions. This is a great way to create excitement about what your PTA is doing.</p> <p>When children volunteer and work with adults in a positive environment, it helps to build leadership skills and self-esteem.</p> <p>Reflections Program Encourage creativity with this fun PTA program.</p> <p>Student Recognition Create an award program to recognize students for their contributions to PTA/PTSA. A system of recognition creates a climate of respect and value for PTA involvement.</p>	<p>Question: Can young students join PTA?</p> <p>Answer: Yes! Upon payment of full membership dues, students of any age have all membership privileges and responsibilities.</p> <p>Question: Can young students volunteer and hold positions on the PTA board?</p> <p>Answer: Yes! Students may volunteer and hold board positions with age and skill appropriate activities.</p> <p>Question: Can students belong to PTA or must we become a PTSA?</p> <p>Answer: Your school does not have to be a PTSA for students to become members or volunteer. Becoming a PTSA encourages a commitment to involving students in the organization.</p>

Template for developing student involvement: middle school

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<p>Student Representative A representative from student government or similar group can promote meaningful communication between organizations.</p> <p>Committee Chairman Appoint a student as a committee chairman.</p> <p>Red Ribbon Week Committee Promote healthy peer relationships that expand on the “just say no” concept.</p> <p>Web Site Students are often more fluent with web technologies than adult board members.</p> <p>Box Top (or other collections) Coordinator Students can coordinate the collection of box tops while adult board members assist with the required paper work.</p> <p>Food Drive / Charitable Collections Students, with guidance, can coordinate, sort and deliver much needed items within the community.</p> <p>Ambassador Students can be exceptional greeters for PTA meetings and PTA sponsored events. Station two or three students at the door to greet parents as they arrive.</p> <p>Officer Position Offer a board position that fits the skills, abilities, and available time of the individual. Students can perform and benefit from many board positions with help from an adult mentor.</p> <p>For example, the position of secretary allows students to be actively involved and enhances their note taking and concentration skills.</p> <p>Refer to <i>California State PTA Toolkit</i>, 3.6.5: Legal Issues to Consider When Involving Students.</p> <p>Student Delegate at Convention Youth 12 years of age or older may register as delegates to the California State PTA Convention and witness advocacy in action! There are workshops designed just for students.</p>	<p>Effectively Involve Students Students are stakeholders in their education. Emphasize PTA’s long history of advocacy and legislative activities on behalf of youth.</p> <p>Circulate a survey among students to assess their needs and preferences for programs and activities.</p> <p>Invite all students to an informal gathering to discuss the survey results.</p> <p>Encourage collaboration with students and PTSA to ensure relevant programs that address the needs of students and their school.</p> <p>Involve Student Leaders Ask student government leaders to assist in promoting the value of collaboration.</p> <p>Invite students from campus clubs to present their activities to the PTA/PTSA.</p> <p>Invite a high school PTSA student to present to middle school students the benefits of PTSA involvement on campus.</p> <p>Community Service Involve students in collecting food, clothing and books for homeless shelters; environmental clean-up; and mentoring children in elementary school. Ask students what resonates with them. They will have some great ideas.</p> <p>Membership Drive Enlist student help in promoting your membership campaign and encouraging other students to join PTA.</p> <p>Reflections Program Encourage creativity with this PTA program.</p> <p>Student Recognition An award program recognizes students’ contributions to PTA/PTSA and creates a climate of respect and value for PTA involvement.</p>	<p>Question: What are the advantages of involving students?</p> <p>Answer: Students bring enthusiasm, energy, fresh ideas and focus to issues that affect them and their communities</p> <p>Question: Can students belong to PTA or must we become a PTSA?</p> <p>Answer: Your school does not have to be a PTSA for students to become members or volunteer. Becoming a PTSA encourages a commitment to involving students in the organization.</p> <p>Question: Can students be board members?</p> <p>Answer: Yes! Students may hold any appointed or elected position. It is up to the nominating committee to consider the ability of every nominee.</p> <p>Question: How do we become a PTSA?</p> <p>Answer: A name change requires a change in the bylaws. Contact the council or district for assistance.</p> <p>.</p>

Template for developing student involvement: high school

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<p>Student Representative A representative from student government or a similar group can promote meaningful communication among organizations. Or create a student committee that meets during the day and sends a representative to the PTSA board meetings.</p> <p>Committee Chairman Appoint a student as a committee chairman.</p> <p>Red Ribbon Week Coordinator A student can help assure an effective collaboration of PTSA and student activities.</p> <p>Web site Students are often more fluent with web technologies than adult board members.</p> <p>Food Drive / Charitable Collections Students can coordinate, sort and deliver much needed items within the community.</p> <p>Officer Position Offer a board position that fits the skills, abilities, and available time of the individual. Students can perform and benefit from many board positions with guidance from an adult mentor.</p> <p>For example, the position of secretary allows students to be actively involved and enhances their note taking and concentration skills.</p> <p>Refer to <i>California State PTA Toolkit</i>, 3.6.5: Legal Issues to Consider When Involving Students.</p> <p>Student Delegate at Convention Youth may register as delegates to the California State PTA Convention and witness advocacy in action! There are workshops designed just for students.</p> <p>Student Member of California State PTA California State PTA invites students to apply for positions on its board. As members of the Board of Managers, students provide valuable perspective and insight, and have opportunities to affect statewide PTA policy and decisions. Visit www.capta.org or talk with the district PTA president for more information.</p>	<p>Effectively Involve Students Students are stakeholders in their education. Emphasize PTA's long history of advocacy and legislative activities on behalf of youth.</p> <p>Circulate a survey among students to assess their needs and preferences for programs and activities. Invite all students to an informal gathering to discuss survey results.</p> <p>Encourage collaboration with students and PTSA to ensure relevant programs that address the needs of students and their school.</p> <p>Involve Student Leaders Ask student leaders to assist in promoting the value of collaboration.</p> <p>Invite students from clubs on campus to present to the PTA/PTSA about their activities.</p> <p>Community Service High school students are passionate about issues that affect their communities, the environment and the world. Community service is a great opportunity for them to help others, feel valued, and discover their advocacy voice – and it is often a requirement for graduation and enhances a job resume.</p> <p>Membership Drive Enlist student help in promoting your membership campaign and encouraging other students to join PTA.</p> <p>Ask for student and parent participation at student registration/orientation, and Back to School Night.</p> <p>Place a student volunteer form on your PTSA website.</p> <p>Reflections Program Encourage creativity with this PTA program.</p> <p>Scholarships Provide scholarships to deserving seniors who are PTA members.</p> <p>Student Recognition An award program recognizes students' contributions to PTA/PTSA and creates a climate of respect and value for PTA involvement.</p>	<p>Question: What are the advantages of involving students?</p> <p>Answer: Students bring enthusiasm, energy, fresh ideas and focus to issues that affect them and their communities.</p> <p>Question: Can students belong to PTA or must we become a PTSA?</p> <p>Answer: Your school does not have to be a PTSA for students to become members or volunteer. Becoming a PTSA encourages a commitment to involving students in the organization.</p> <p>Question: Can students be board members?</p> <p>Answer: Yes! Students may hold any appointed or elected position, including president.</p> <p>Question: How do we become a PTSA?</p> <p>Answer: A name change requires a change in the bylaws. Contact the council or district for assistance.</p>

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