

Increase student involvement in your school!

Student involvement is the commitment by a PTA to actively involve students in the work of the association. Parents, teachers and students are dedicated to work as a team to train youth to be future advocates, community leaders and responsible adults. The California State PTA encourages and supports student participation in PTA leadership, events and programs.

Student Involvement Committee

Form a student involvement committee whose membership includes students and adults.

School Survey

Survey the school community to find out what type of activities students identify as having value and will encourage their involvement.

Develop a Plan

Develop a plan for student involvement based on survey results.

Set Reasonable Goals

Set reasonable goals based on what the unit needs to accomplish.

- Develop activities that include – and are of interest to – students and adults.
- Seek input from all students – not just those who traditionally are seen as “leaders.”

Student Members

Upon payment of dues, students are considered full members with the same privileges, responsibilities and credibility as adult members.

- Students who are willing and have the time may serve as officers in the PTA/PTSA.
- Keep open lines of communication.
- Practice effective communication and listening skills.
- Respect all points of view and consider student opinions seriously.
- Be prepared for students to have an active voice in the PTA.

Reach Out

Reach out to other groups to co-sponsor events or activities of interest to students:

- Student leadership and school organizations/clubs;
- Other student-focused groups in the community;
- Parent advisory committees; and
- Other unit, council or district PTAs.

Publicize Activities

Publicize activities through the PTA/school newsletter, PTA/ school web site, fliers, e-mail, marquees, local newspapers, social media, and personal telephone calls. Promote positive student involvement through publicity (e.g., posters, radio announcements).

Evaluate

Evaluate activities and accomplishments at least once a year. This will show how students were actively involved, and how students can continue to be involved in PTA activities.

