

Student Involvement in Your School

Students of all ages are eligible to join any unit, whether it is a PTA or a PTSA. Students may chair committees and provide valuable insight for program development and manpower for PTA activities. Inviting students to join PTA/PTSA is an excellent way to encourage their support and participation as stakeholders in their school community. What students gain in return is leadership training, community service hours for graduation, and the knowledge that they can make a difference at their school and in their community.

Assessment Questionnaire

Complete the following questionnaire once a year to help assess the degree of student involvement in your PTA/PTSA. When answering the questions, try to be as honest and realistic as possible.

1. Does your PTA/PTSA feel student involvement is valuable?
[Yes] [No]
2. Does your school's staff support student involvement?
[Yes] [No]
3. Do students serve on committees or on your board?
[Committees] [Board]
4. Does your PTA/PTSA allow students to hold elected offices?
[Yes] [No]
5. Do PTA/PTSA meetings conflict with student class time or other activities (i.e., team practice, band rehearsal, etc.)?
[Yes] [No]
6. Does your PTA/PTSA offer programs and activities that interest students and encourage their participation?
[Yes] [No]
7. Does your PTA/PTSA invite input from students in the development of PTA programs?
[Yes] [No]
8. Do your PTA/PTSA programs encourage students to make a positive change in their community?
[Yes] [No]
9. Does your PTA's/PTSA's leadership development program address student involvement and participation?
[Yes] [No]
10. Does your PTA/PTSA provide opportunities throughout the year for students to work as a team with parents and teachers in efforts to meet the needs of the students and school community?
[Yes] [No]

For all the questions that you answered with a "no," try to form an action plan for improving student involvement and for changing your answers to "yes."