

Student Involvement is...

The commitment by PTA/PTSA to actively involve students in the leadership of the association. Parents, teachers, and students work together as a team to develop skills in youth to be advocates and community leaders. The California State PTA encourages and supports student participation in PTA/PTSA leadership, events, and programs at every level of PTA – unit, council, district and state.

In 1958 the National PTA authorized the use of the name PTSA:

Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

The California State PTA has welcomed student participants on its Board of Managers for more than a quarter of a century and includes student representatives on its committees and commissions.

Many local units and state congresses have recognized the importance of student membership by formally changing their names to PTSA.

Students attend the California State PTA and the National PTA conventions as delegates, participating in workshops and General Meetings.

Students Gain Opportunities and Experience in...

- ◆ leadership
- ◆ public speaking
- ◆ decision-making
- ◆ conflict resolution
- ◆ community service
- ◆ working cooperatively
- ◆ personal growth and development
- ◆ planning and implementing programs and events

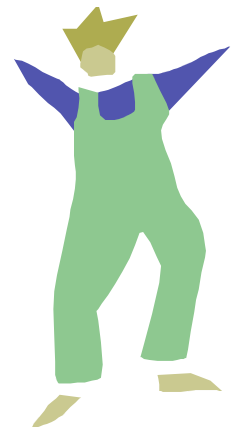


Students Bring...

- ◆ enthusiasm
- ◆ extra energy to the PTA/PTSA
- ◆ new perspective to ideas and programs
- ◆ limitless participation in planning and executing PTA/PTSA programs
- ◆ information regarding students' interests, concerns and viewpoints

Involve Students by...

- ◆ promoting student membership
- ◆ including students in the membership campaign
- ◆ promoting student activities
- ◆ encouraging students to participate
- ◆ engaging students in the planning of activities and programs
- ◆ listening to students' opinions
- ◆ acknowledging and addressing students' concerns
- ◆ electing and appointing students to PTA/PTSA executive boards in leadership positions and on committees
- ◆ scheduling meetings when students can attend
- ◆ encouraging student representation at school board and other civic meetings
- ◆ including students on budgetary and policy decisions that significantly impact them
- ◆ promoting student involvement in legislation
- ◆ promoting voluntary civic and community service



For additional information email studentinvolvement@capta.org.

What Students Say About PTA/PTSA...

Amanda reports that being involved in PTA/PTSA is great! *"I'm learning new skills, participating in exciting programs and making new friends."*

Juan says that PTA/PTSA has given him the avenue to help other students and work with adults, and has given him the leadership skills he will need in the future.



George and Samantha say that attending convention was fun and a great learning experience with many opportunities to meet new people, learn new leadership skills and observe interaction between parents, adults and students.

Imani explains that PTA/PTSA stands for Parent-Teacher-Student Association. *"People seem to forget the student part, BUT WE DON'T!"*

Mission Statement of the California State PTA

The mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families by representing our members and empowering and supporting them with skills in advocacy, leadership, and communication.

California State PTA Board of Managers, July 2007

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations. All your books are going to be judged or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention."

Abraham Lincoln

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Student Involvement Statement

It is the responsibility of PTA/PTSA to create opportunities for the effective involvement of youth.