

## Student Involvement is:

The commitment by PTA/PTSA to actively involve students of all ages 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 and PTSA leadership, events, and programs.

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 members on its commissions and committees.

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 Sessions.

## 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:

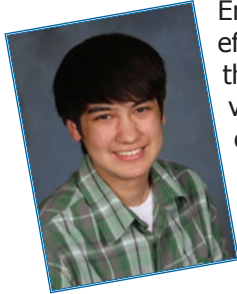
- enthusiasm
- extra energy to the PTA/PTSA
- new perspective to ideas and programs
- limitless participation in planning and executing PTA/PTSA programs
- information regarding students' interests, concerns and viewpoints

## 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 Boards in leadership positions and 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



## What Students Say About PTA/PTSA...

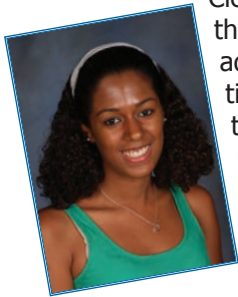


Eric explains that the time and effort put in by the people of this organization show true devotion to advocacy for every child. "This organization stands for education and for all students to succeed, thrive and prosper!"

Carley says that being a student in PTA makes her feel empowered. "When you speak, knowing that everyone is listening because they know that what you have to say is important is one of the most rewarding parts of being a student board member".



Ciera says every student has the responsibility to become an advocate of her own education. "PTA provides the opportunity for us to have a meaningful, lasting effect on our schools and communities, our state, and even our country!"



Lane reports that PTA provides a unique and rich experience for us students. "There are many clubs and organizations that we could join, but few that give as many opportunities to develop leadership and advocacy skills."



## 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 communications.

California State PTA Board of Managers, October 2009

*"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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# Students Are Our Future



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