

PTA Membership Provides

- ✓ Trained volunteers to assist with leadership development and to offer guidance.
- ✓ General liability insurance protection for PTA volunteers (paid for by each PTA).
- ✓ Materials pertaining to PTA job descriptions.
- ✓ Informed volunteer advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Publications on all subjects of PTA concern and resource people with expertise who are available to help.

Membership Dues

There is no better value than membership in the PTA/PTSA. It provides you the opportunity to participate in the many programs and projects of the organization.

Be part of a national network of people who believe in the education and welfare of our children and youth.

All children benefit when you belong to PTA/PTSA!

Purposes of the PTA

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Parent-Teacher-Student Associations (PTSA)

Students are involved as full participating members and as elected officers and chairmen. They are accorded the same privileges and responsibilities as adult members.

PTSAs may be organized by a vote of the membership in any school, but preferably where the majority of students are seventh graders or above.

Parent-Teacher Associations and Parent-Teacher-Student Associations welcome into membership all persons interested in the welfare of children and youth without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

Associations are organized at preschools, elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, special education schools and other sites. Every individual who is a member of a unit PTA or PTSA is also a member of the California State PTA and the National PTA.



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Your PTA Unit

- ✓ Has input to California State PTA policy through the annual convention by sending voting delegates and submitting resolutions.
- ✓ Provides background information on youth-related subjects to members.
- ✓ Brings information to members regarding concerns about state and national issues and requests action when needed.
- ✓ Meets regularly with the principal and school staff members to share mutual concerns and goals.
- ✓ Supports adequate funding for public education and programs for children and youth.
- ✓ Works with its respective council and PTA district which represents them and cooperates with other organizations, committees and allied agencies to work for children and youth.
- ✓ Is represented in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., through PTA legislative advocates.

The California State PTA

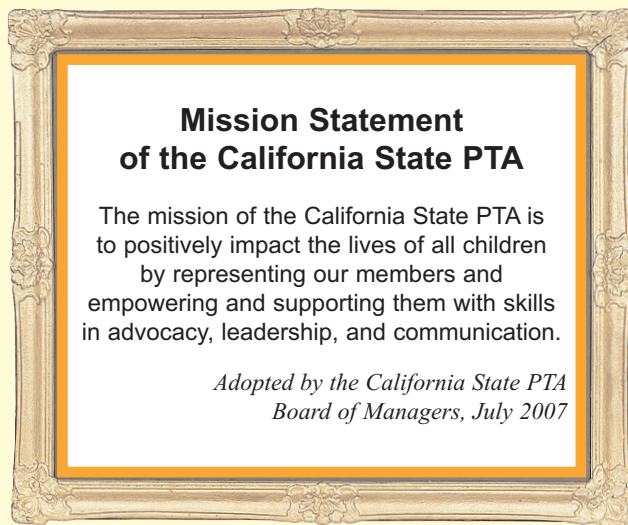
Your portion of dues helps provide

- ✓ leadership training workshops.
- ✓ regional conferences on timely subjects.
- ✓ representation at statewide meetings of agencies and commissions.
- ✓ legislation updates emailed and mailed regularly to councils and PTA districts.
- ✓ Board of Managers meetings to coordinate California State PTA's statewide programs.
- ✓ representation in Sacramento through legislation advocacy.
- ✓ monitoring of and representation at State Board of Education meetings.
- ✓ printing and mailing of *PTA in California*, the official newsletter of the California State PTA, and brochures and informational materials prepared for service mailings sent to more than 4,000 PTAs/PTSAs in California.
- ✓ the California State PTA headquarters office to
 - service units, councils and PTA districts;
 - process orders for publications and other PTA materials; and
 - process scholarships and grants.
- ✓ an office in Sacramento for PTA business and legislation advocacy.
- ✓ a website, www.capta.org, to provide information to members, PTA leaders, and the general public.

The National PTA

Your portion of dues enables the National PTA to

- ✓ focus attention on the problems facing schools today.
- ✓ publish *Our Children* magazine and parenting and legislative e-newsletters.
- ✓ provide representation in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ give testimony on all federal legislation concerning children and youth.
- ✓ take a leadership role forming coalitions to support or oppose youth-related issues.
- ✓ work to improve TV programming and to develop critical viewing skills.
- ✓ maintain a satellite office for governmental relations in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ provide information and leadership to over six million members of the largest grass roots child advocacy organization in the world.
- ✓ provide an informational website, www.pta.org.



Conferences & Workshops

Topics include:

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| Career Education | Parent and Student Involvement |
| Child Development | Parenting Skills |
| Collective Bargaining | Parliamentary Procedure |
| Communication | Public Relations |
| Environmental Issues | Safety |
| Health, Nutrition, Physical Fitness | School Budgets and School Finance |
| Juvenile Justice | School Violence and Vandalism |
| Leadership Development | Special Education |
| Legislation | Teenage Pregnancy |
| Media Information and Viewing Skills | Using Free Public Access |