

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 association.

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!

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 and resources pertaining to PTA job descriptions.
- ✓ Informed volunteers advocating on behalf of children and youth in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Publications on all subjects of PTA concern and resource people with expertise who are available to help.

Parent-Teacher-Student Associations (PTSA)

Students are welcomed as members in any PTA.

In a PTA or PTSA students may be 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 usually 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.



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.

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Your PTA Unit

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

District and Council PTAs

Every unit PTA belongs in one of 29 district PTAs and many units belong to a council PTA within those districts.

These district and council PTAs provide:

- ✓ Opportunities for networking with other PTAs in a school district, county or other geographical area
- ✓ Collaboration and coordination of events addressing shared issues and priorities
- ✓ Support from experienced leaders
- ✓ Regional/local training

The California State PTA

Your portion of dues helps support

- ✓ Leadership training workshops, the annual convention and a website, www.capta.org, which provides information to member, PTA leaders, and the general public.
- ✓ Legislation updates shared regularly with unit, council and district PTAs.
- ✓ Board of Managers meetings to coordinate California State PTA's statewide programs.
- ✓ Representation in Sacramento through legislation advocacy.
- ✓ Monitoring of and representation at statewide and State level meetings of agencies and groups such as the Board of Education meetings.
- ✓ Resources and materials available for all PTAs, such as: *PTA in California*, the official newsletter of the California State PTA, the *Toolkit* and brochures, and informational materials provided via e-mail and/or service mailings sent to almost 4,000 PTAs/PTSAs in California.
- ✓ The California State PTA office to
 - service unit, council and district PTAs;
 - process orders for publications and other PTA materials;
 - process scholarships and grants;
 - conduct PTA business and financial record keeping/accounting for the association.

The National PTA

Your portion of dues enables the National PTA to

- ✓ Focus attention on the problems facing schools today.
- ✓ Provide strategies and programs geared towards increasing student success and achievement.
- ✓ Advise parents on how to become more involved in their child's education.
- ✓ Guide parents on children's nutrition, fitness, substance abuse, child safety and more.
- ✓ Provide information and leadership to almost 5 and a half million members of the largest grass roots child advocacy organization in the world.
- ✓ Provide an informational website, www.pta.org.
- ✓ Publish *Our Children* magazine, parenting and legislative e-newsletters, and advocacy alerts.
- ✓ Provide representation in Washington, D.C. and give testimony on federal legislation concerning children and youth health, equity and opportunity for all children, and parent engagement in education.
- ✓ Take a leadership role forming coalitions to address youth-related issues.

PTA Purposes: Historical Goals of 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.