



**How do PTAs Benefit Schools?** Schools can benefit in many ways from having a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Here are some of the key benefits for schools:

### **Increased Parental Involvement**

PTAs encourage and facilitate parental involvement in school activities and decision-making processes. When parents are engaged and take part in school affairs, it creates a positive and supportive environment for students. Increased parental involvement is linked to improved academic performance, better attendance rates, and reduced behavioral issues among students.

### **Enhanced Communication**

PTAs serve as a channel of communication between parents, teachers, administrators and the school community. They provide a platform for sharing information, discussing concerns and fostering open dialogue. Effective communication leads to better understanding, collaboration, and cooperation among all stakeholders, creating a more cohesive and informed school environment.

### **Fundraising and Resource Allocation**

PTAs often organize fundraisers and other initiatives to raise funds for the school. These extra resources can be used to support various educational programs, extracurricular activities and infrastructure improvements. PTAs play a crucial role in mobilizing financial support from parents and the community, supplementing the school's budget and enriching the educational experience.

### **Volunteer Support**

PTAs rely on volunteers to organize and execute their activities. This volunteer support can extend to various school events, classroom assistance, mentoring programs and more. The PTA's network of engaged parents provides a valuable resource for schools to tap into, enhancing the overall functioning and capacity of the school.

### **Educational Enrichment**

PTAs often organize educational programs, workshops, guest speakers, field trips and other initiatives aimed at enriching students' learning experiences. These activities provide extra educational opportunities beyond the standard curriculum, broadening students' horizons and fostering a love for learning.

### **Advocacy and Influence**

PTAs can advocate for the needs and interests of students and their families at the school, district, and even state level. They can address issues related to policies, curriculum, resources, and student well-being. By leveraging the collective voice of parents, PTAs can have a significant impact on decision-making processes and policies that affect the school and its students.

### **Sense of Community**

PTAs help build a sense of community among parents, teachers, and students. They organize social events, family-oriented activities, and collaborative projects that bring people together. This sense of community fosters a supportive network, promotes school spirit, and strengthens the overall school culture.

### **More of PTA's Benefits**

- **Discover More Dollars**

Local PTAs are self-funding. By inviting the entire school's parent community to join, they generate membership fees to pay for programs. Local PTA fundraisers support school programs, building improvements, and educational events.

- **Leverage Volunteer Power**  
PTA organizes hard-working, dedicated volunteers. Parents are ready to help implement school improvement programs.
- **Improve Communication**  
PTAs frequently coordinate production of a school newsletter and information fliers, keeping the entire school community informed of current events, issues, and accomplishments. Regular meetings allow PTAs to share information with members.
- **See Measurable Results**  
More than 85 research studies conducted over the past 30 years prove that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.
- **Tap into Proven Programs**  
Local PTAs have access to ready-made, easy-to-use programs with proven success records. From health and safety topics, to collaborating with teachers and community members, to fundraising, the programs get results.
- **Boost Children's Well-Being**  
PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in their learning, including nutrition, health, school safety, physical fitness and general well-being. PTA works with schools to ensure that children succeed.
- **Enjoy Informed Parents**  
Involved parents understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. By developing a closer relationship with parents, student achievement improves, and the school develops a positive reputation in the community.
- **Fulfill ESSA Obligations**  
Finally, PTAs can help schools fulfill the parent involvement requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). PTA understands the needs behind ESSA. In fact, it's National PTA's definition of parent involvement that is used in ESSA.

### **10 Reasons to Belong in PTA:**

**PTA creates** the village that helps to raise our kids and strengthen our community.

**PTA links** families to important school and community information.

**PTA hosts** fun, educational clubs, programs and events for our families.

**PTA raises** money to support the specific needs of our school.

**PTA engages** in school and digital safety initiatives.

**PTA offers** kids the opportunity to explore the arts and develop critical thinking, teamwork and creativity.

**PTA inspires** a love of reading and enhances students' book and literary options.

**PTA encourages** healthy lifestyles and food choices for every family.

**PTA tracks** local, state and national policies every day so we can advocate for what's best for our students, families and schools.

**PTA believes** we can make every child's potential a reality ...

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