

As PTA President, I hear many different excuses as to why people don't want to join PTA. Here is my Top Ten Teacher Excuses for NOT joining PTA:

#10 – There's nothing in it for me.

That's not true. Benefits include: having access to educational programs – both at school and online through the Texas PTA website and discounts at places including Barnes and Noble, Sea World, Dell and more. An added bonus for teachers and administrators is a scholarship awarded by Texas PTA for continuing education. Since 1964, Texas PTA has awarded more than \$350,000 to over 700 recipients.

#9 – I don't have kids here.

Even though you might not have children at this school, you are invested and care about the students here. You wouldn't be a teacher otherwise. Help support them by joining.

#8 – My principal doesn't care if I join.

Uh...yes, I do.

#7 – I already serve on (insert committee here.)

We're not asking you to make a specific time commitment. We know you're busy. You can show your support by joining.

#6 – I'm a guy.

Ladies, allow me a minute. I know looking from the outside in, PTA looks like a group of chatty women who get together and talk for too long. What we really are is a group of concerned parents, both men and women, working to support our school and its students. We welcome men...and we even get an award when we get them!!

#5 – Those women scare me!!

Okay...I'll give you that one.

#4 – All the PTA does is ask for money.

I realize it seems this way. We are very careful to ask parents for only what we need to support the students and families of our school. Money goes to parents programs, student support, equipment for schools and staff hospitality events.

#3 – I don't want to be *that* involved.

There are many different levels of involvement and we're happy to have parents, families and teacher at all levels!

#2 – They have all those parents...they don't need *ME!*

On the contrary, teacher buy-in is one of the most important aspects of PTA. Kids want to come to events when their teachers are there!! When teachers are excited – so are students! And after all, the T stands for TEACHERS!

And the #1 Excuse not to join the PTSA.....No one asked me!

We are asking you now...please help us support our school and its students by joining PTA today!