

MCCPTA Delegate Basics

Thank you for being a delegate to the MCCPTA! You are a crucial link between the your school PTA and the advocacy work of the MCCPTA. You may be wondering exactly what your responsibilities are and where to start. This list is just a primer for how to get started as a delegate. For a full description of your responsibilities, consult the MCCPTA Delegates Guidebook at <http://www.mccpta.org/training-1.html>

1. Attend MCCPTA Delegates' Assembly Meetings!

Delegates' Assemblies (DA) typically take place on the last Tuesday of every month at the Carver Educational Service Center at 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, MD. The meetings are 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, and there is an "MCCPTA Presents" program at 6:30 pm that is open to the general public. At the DA meetings, make sure you:

- Sit with and get to know other delegates in your cluster and your cluster coordinator.
- Listen and takes notes to report back to your PTA.
- Bring your voting card and use it. You are the voice of your PTA at the county level!
- Ask questions when you have them, and bring up topics that may be of general interest.

2. Meet with your PTA!

You should attend both your PTA membership and board meetings. Communicate what happens at the MCCPTA DA to your PTA board and membership. Make sure that you keep an ear out for any issue that may require advocacy outside your school. Make sure that you know your PTA's position on matters before the DA so you can vote in line with that position.

3. Recruit other delegates!

Did you know that each PTA can have 2 MCCPTA Delegates? More delegates allow you to share meeting attendance to lessen the burden, or have up to 3 votes at each DA (one for each delegate, and one for the president). Look for other parents who share your interest in advocacy, or would like to see changes at the county level.

4. Attend hearings, advocacy events, and workshops!

Attend the Capital and Operating Budget hearings at the Board of Education to support your cluster, and encourage attendance by your PTA Board and membership as well. MCCPTA organizes Maryland PTA Night in Annapolis and other advocacy events throughout the year. Trainings and other workshops provide useful information that you can bring back to your PTA.

