



# Community

## Why should you back the future?

PTA is the nation's **original parent group** in schools, supporting and encouraging millions of parents to get involved in their children's education. Texas PTA is collaborative and involved, with a clear focus on family engagement and parent education.

Texas PTA is a grassroots, not-for-profit association; **neither the association nor its leaders benefit financially from PTA activities.**

PTA is composed of nearly 6 million volunteers in 23,000 Local PTAs. These PTAs are provided with **information, resources, and training to help them succeed.** Texas PTA has over 500,000 members and 2,700 Local PTAs.

PTA is led by volunteers and is accountable to our members. We give parents what they want — **a way to help their children succeed.**

PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt association. **Other independent parent groups must either complete a costly process to file for tax-exempt status on their own, or file taxes on all revenues received.**

PTA members pay dues that include a small portion for the state and national support. **In return, Local PTAs and members receive access to many valuable resources, information, and training programs.**

As an affiliate of a national association, Local PTAs may be **eligible for discounted insurance for special events** that are not covered by the school insurance.

Not all decisions affecting a child's school happen at the local level. **PTA addresses the needs of all children, in every school, in every state, across the entire nation.**

**PTA has the vision and determination to push for education policies.** We have been a driving force in establishing school lunch programs, after-school care, immunization programs, school bus safety, TV rating standards and ensuring parent and community engagement is measured to help determine a school's success.

PTA works with leading experts to create **free programs that encourage and support family engagement**, while providing the latest information on topics important to our members.

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