

## PTA Student Benefits Include...

PTA sponsored field trips, special assemblies and enrichment events beyond the local school district's budget.

Use of PTA funds to benefit all students, not just the children of the best fundraisers, officers, teachers, volunteers or largest donors.

Opportunity to participate in the National PTA Reflections Program to explore and develop creative talents.

Knowledge that the PTA works to ensure that students attend classes in buildings that are clean, safe and in good repair.

Assurance to parents that PTA planned activities comply with California State PTA insurance program requirements and are safe for students.

Assurance that no child will be exploited as a means for the PTA to raise funds.

## PTSA: Parent, Teacher, Student Associations...

Recognize the student contribution to the organization and encourage optimum student involvement.

Maximize interaction between students, parents and other adults who care about all students in the school and for those who volunteer personal time to share special skills and talents with students.

Provide leadership experience for students as PTA committee members, chairmen and officers.

Unite students and adults in advocacy efforts to effect positive change in your school and community.

## Purposes of the 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.

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### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PTA

The mission of the California State PTA is to represent our members and to empower and support them with skills in advocacy, leadership, and communication to positively impact the lives of all children and families.

California State PTA Board of Managers, March 2006

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**Be a PTA Member! Contact PTA today!**

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**California State**  
**PTA<sup>®</sup>**

**Membership**  
**Benefits...**  
**You,**  
**Students,**  
**Your School**

PTA is a national organization of several million members that advocates for children, youth and families on federal, state and local issues. PTA members are part of the voice and action in the larger state and national arenas.

PTA membership also provides local benefits. A PTA on a school campus benefits each child in the classroom, the individual member and the school community. Active PTAs provide these benefits more readily.

PTA/PTSA membership is open to anyone and everyone.

## PTA Member Benefits Include...

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The opportunity to be involved at school and to participate in volunteer organized activities that enhance the educational environment at your child's school.

The opportunity to be better connected with the school, the principal, and the staff and to learn what's happening at the school.

The opportunity to acknowledge that you consider your child's education important and that you want to be involved.

When parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' educational levels. Students of involved parents generally have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and more consistently completed homework.

Access to information on issues and programs concerning the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

The right to attend PTA meetings, ask questions and vote on issues.

Personal growth as a parent and volunteer leader.

Knowledge that as part of a nationally recognized organization you can help accomplish the PTA's goals for effective change.

California State PTA led the fight to allow 55 percent rather than a two-thirds majority of voters to pass local school bonds, to reduce class sizes, and to keep junk food out of our California schools. PTA continues its advocacy to bring back the arts into our schools.

Power to determine the organization's priorities, and vote on the budget and expenditures recommended by the executive board.

The right to vote in the election of officers, determine the future of the organization, and seek election to office.

Access to material reproducible in newsletters and for programs.

Confidence that the California State PTA insurance program protects the organization's assets: bonding, general and director and officer liability, Workers' Compensation.

The right to express opinions at PTA council and district meetings and at the annual California State PTA Convention.

Opportunities to attend workshops and online e-learning programs to develop the skills and knowledge to manage the organization.

Opportunities to apply for PTA scholarships and grants to continue one's education: graduating high school senior, classroom teacher, school nurse, counselor, and PTA volunteer.

Access to PTA websites at all levels for information on issues and concerns that affect children and youth.

Participation in the shared PTA network to learn about successful programs and activities.

Specialized PTA assistance to resolve questions on required nonprofit filings with the Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board, Attorney General's office and other governmental agencies.

## PTA School Community Benefits Include...

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Recognition that there is power in association.

Volunteer hours that substantially increase the school's ability to provide more services to students.

PTA member volunteer hour records, an indicator of commitment and program vitality, that may also be helpful for grant applications.

Enrichment programs and activities that are valued by the community.

PTA council or district leader availability for help to resolve local PTA problems.

Ability to reach parents of students through established PTA meetings and newsletters.

Assistance for outreach to uninvolved parents to promote the crucial communication between home and school.

A pool of informed PTA members to serve on committees and task forces to examine issues and seek solutions.

Opportunities to meet with parents to discuss critical issues and concerns at regular PTA meetings or at separate parent/administrator meetings.

Opportunities to collaborate with other education, health, safety and child advocacy organizations.

Confidence that the California State PTA insurance program satisfies the California Education Code concerning liability for use of school facilities by the organization.

California State PTA grants awarded for PTA material translation, leadership development and parent education, and arts and health programs, achieved through PTA, school, community, and/or agency collaboration.