

# The Importance of Involvement

Research shows that students do better when their families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

PTA has been connecting parents to their children's education for more than 100 years. It is the defining organization for parent involvement. See what it can do for you.

## 5 Great Reasons to Be Part of PTA

- 1. Be in the know.** PTA helps you keep up with what's happening in your school and how you can support your child's education.
- 2. Access great resources.** PTA provides information on topics ranging from homework help to bullying prevention to media safety to child health and more.
- 3. Build relationships.** PTA connects you to other families through meetings, events, and communications, and helps build a sense of community.
- 4. Hone your skills.** PTA offers opportunities for you to use your talents to benefit children and the school. PTA can help you expand your skills too.
- 5. Speak up.** PTA can be a way to more effectively suggest changes at your child's school and in your community, and to be involved in making them happen.

## PTA Member Benefits

As part of PTA's national network of families, educators, and leaders, PTA members receive many great benefits:

- A monthly e-newsletter addressing parenting issues
- Special offers and discounts from PTA's corporate supporters  
(go to [PTA.org/Benefits](http://PTA.org/Benefits) for details)
- Leadership training through conferences, workshops, and free e-learning courses
- Discounted rates for PTA conventions and on subscriptions to PTA's *Our Children* magazine
- PTA Takes Action Network, with updates on legislative issues affecting children, families, and schools, as well as alerts that give you an opportunity to weigh in on key federal policy issues with your members of Congress

## Team Up with PTA

Everyone is invited to join PTA: moms, dads, teachers, principals, students, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers, businesspeople, advocates, community members.

To join, or to learn more:

- Visit [PTA.org/Join](http://PTA.org/Join)
- Call (800) 307-4PTA (4782)
- Contact your local PTA

## ABOUT PTA

The National Parent Teacher Association® (PTA®) comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

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# JOIN TODAY'S PTA!

**Today's PTA is dedicated. Today's PTA is connected.** Today's PTA is a powerful network of nearly 5 million people dedicated to making a difference in the education health and safety of America's children.



**GET CONNECTED.** PTA provides opportunities to network with parents, teachers, and school administrators and share ideas on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

**GET INFORMED.** Gain up-to-date information and practical next steps about local and national issues affecting the education of all children. E-learning, 'how to' guides, and white papers are at your fingertips.

**GET INVOLVED.** Use your PTA membership to become a part of the solution, influencing positive changes in your child's education, health, and safety.

"...Blackboards, music class, and gym supplies are things public schools can no longer take for granted. Our school's PTA stepped in to help provide valuable resources for our children." - **PTA Dad, Memphis, TN**

"PTA has made a positive impact on our students' academic success and a difference in our schools and communities."  
- **School Administrator, Cleveland, OH**

## POWERFUL.

"Membership in my local PTA has helped me to improve family engagement in my home and better support my child's academic success."  
- **PTA Mom, Columbia, MD**

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Child's Tomorrow  
In Today's PTA*  
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# ÚNASE A LA PTA DE HOY!

**La PTA de hoy es dedicada. La PTA de hoy está conectada.** La PTA de hoy es una poderosa red de cerca de 5 millones de personas dedicadas a marcar una diferencia en la educación, salud y seguridad de los niños en Estados Unidos.



**CONÉCTESE.** PTA brinda oportunidades para relacionarse con padres, maestros y administradores escolares y compartir ideas en Facebook, Twitter y YouTube.

**INFÓRMESE.** Obtenga información actualizada y pasos prácticos a seguir sobre asuntos locales y nacionales que afectan la educación de todos los niños. Aprendizaje por computadora, guías sobre 'cómo hacer', y documentos al alcance de su mano.

**INVOLÚCRESE.** Use su membresía de PTA para ser parte de la solución, influenciando cambios positivos en la educación, salud y seguridad de su hijo.

"...Pizarrones, clase de música y equipo de gimnasio son cosas que las escuelas públicas ya no pueden dar por seguro. La PTA de nuestra escuela se involucró para ayudar y proveyó valiosos recursos para nuestros niños."

- Padre de PTA, Memphis, TN

"PTA ha tenido un impacto positivo en el éxito académico de nuestros estudiantes y ha marcado una diferencia en nuestras escuelas y comunidades."

- Administrador escolar, Cleveland, OH

# PODEROSA.

"Ser miembro de mi PTA local me ha ayudado a mejorar la participación familiar de mi hogar y ser un mejor apoyo al éxito académico de mi hijo."

- Madre de PTA, Columbia, MD

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En la PTA hoy  
cada niño. una voz.®

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## 10 Things Schools/Teachers Wish Parents Would Do

1. Establish a daily family routine, including healthy eating and sleeping habits.
2. Build their child's self-esteem by expressing interest in the child's schoolwork and affirming the child's worth through positive messages.
3. Communicate openly with the school and contact the school when they are aware of issues concerning their child's school success.
4. Set high and realistic standards for their child.
5. Check on homework regularly and ask questions about their child's work.
6. Read or talk with their child. Connect everyday experiences to what is being learned in school.
7. Express high but realistic expectations for their child.
8. Use community learning opportunities. Expose their child to the library, museums, the theater, concerts, etc. Encourage their child to join clubs, scouts, after-school sports or fine arts, and other community programs.
9. Monitor out-of-school activities and set expectations for appropriate behavior.
10. Model learning at home by playing games, reading newspapers or magazines, and discussing current events.