



## Why PTA

PTA connects your family to a statewide and national network working for every child, not just your own.

### PTA

- Nationwide network of 2.5M+ members working at the school, district, state, and national levels
- Built-in access to training, grants, resources, and proven programs at no extra cost
- Guidance on bylaws, finances, nonprofit status, and leadership from day one
- Collective advocacy voice that reaches lawmakers at every level of government
- Accountability structures: governance standards, financial oversight, and leadership training

### Unaffiliated Parent Group

- Typically focused on their own school community, without ties to a wider network
- Resources and training depend on what individual groups can build or find independently
- Governance, bylaws, and financial practices vary widely by group
- Advocacy influence is generally limited to the local school level
- Operational accountability depends on the leadership in place at the time

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## What PTA Has Accomplished for Children

For more than 125 years, PTA has helped solve some of the most significant challenges facing American children. Many of the protections and programs children benefit from today exist because PTA members organized and advocated for them:

- Universal kindergarten
- Child labor laws
- National School Lunch Program
- Public health services
- Juvenile justice system
- Mandatory immunization programs

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## Three Things You Get With PTA

## Stay Informed

PTA keeps members up to date on grant opportunities, program news, advocacy alerts, and education policy changes so you are never caught off guard.

## Get Support

From a Back-to-School Kit to an e-learning library and ready-made templates, PTA gives leaders the tools to focus on their communities rather than starting from scratch.

## Build Connections

PTA connects you with advocates at district, state, and national events, creating real opportunities to share ideas and amplify your voice far beyond your school.

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## Your Voice Reaches Further With PTA

Many of the decisions that shape your child's education happen at the district, state, or federal level. Because fewer than 30% of U.S. households include school-age children, families need an organized, united voice to make sure their perspective reaches the people making those decisions. PTA provides that voice, connecting local energy to statewide and national advocacy so every child has a champion beyond their own school.

*"PTA offers the unique benefit of being part of a larger system of support. When a PTA is present, there's stability and common good for the entire school community."*

**Sherry Griffith, Executive Director, California State PTA**

**2.5M+**

members nationwide

**22,000+**

local PTA units

**13.8M**

students served

**125+**

years for every child

**\$400K+**

in grants awarded  
annually

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Statistics sourced from National PTA (pta.org). Updated 2025.