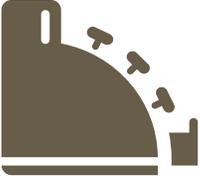


Get an "A" in ACCOUNTING



PTAs have oversight via bylaws, standing rules, & annual audits

To be a PTA, bylaws and standing rules must be on file and according to specified minimums. One of the most important standing requirements is that each PTA must undergo an annual audit. Rules about where

funds are held, when financials must be reviewed, and other risky activities ensure that, if it's a PTA, it's going to be OK.

PTAs offer leadership & officer training

PTA wrote the book on best practices for parent teacher groups. It's called the Texas PTA Handbook. We also wrote a manual for each officer & chairman position. All incoming presidents and treasurers are trained in best practices and also receive leadership training.

Get an "A" in ECONOMICS

PTAs get free Web sites

Easy and free, every PTA in Texas has the opportunity to get a fantastic, customizable website, designed specifically for a volunteer to administer. Also free: online dues, broadcast e-mail tools, online parenting forums and newsletters, a great calendar tool, and more.

PTAs in good standing with Texas PTA are 501(c)(3) organizations

Save yourselves the expense and hassle of filing for non-profit/tax-exempt status with the IRS and the State of Texas. Each and every local PTA in good standing with Texas PTA is covered under Texas PTA's group exemption with these specific government entities.

PTAs get free art and parent education programs

Texas PTA makes quality programs easy. PTA arts programs generate 85,000 pieces of student art every year in Texas. We also present over 200 top-quality on-campus parent education workshops on hot topics like bullying, Internet safety, and suicide prevention annually. These are terrific programs that help parent teacher groups do more without working harder.



Our Vision

Making every child's potential a reality



Call

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for more information or to get started

*Help your parent
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Texas PTA *does it best!*

Confidence

Texas PTA exists to help parent teacher groups succeed so it's no surprise that that's what we do best!

The right choice

Parents, teachers, and school administrators have a choice when it comes to parent involvement. For long-term stability, for great programs with less effort, and for reliable parent involvement year after year, being a PTA is the way to go.

Dr. Mac Beund
Superintendent, Arlington ISD



"I am proud to be a member of Texas PTA because of its outstanding record of advocacy for our schools and its commitment to continue the fight for our children's future."

PTA *helps parent teacher groups succeed.*

Since 1909

PTA has been sharing and perfecting best practices statewide, building vibrant support networks, writing training curriculums and manuals, creating programs, facilitating networking, and working to make every child's potential a reality.

Over 2900 and Counting

PTAs in Texas already know that being a PTA helps them excel. Don't let your parent teacher group go it alone. Encourage them to be a PTA!

Dr. Jesus Chavez
Superintendent, Round Rock ISD



"I believe the strength of any school district is directly linked to the strength of its PTA Local Units. Therefore I strongly encourage each of you to support your Local PTA and do everything you can to encourage parents and staff to participate."

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GOVERNMENT

PTAs are bigger than their sum

In addition to all that we do to help each school's PTA succeed, Texas PTA gives parent teacher groups a voice at the Capitol. This year issues like the air quality inside school buses, child passenger restraint laws, smoking, vouchers, and nutrition are priorities. Historically PTA championed such causes as polio vaccines, birth certificates, and hot, healthy school lunches. If it's important for kids, it's important to the PTA.



PTAs encourage parent involvement

Parental involvement isn't just good for your students and your school, it's the law. According to the No Child Left Behind Act, all Title One schools are required to "build the schools' and their parents' capacity for strong parent involvement..." The PTA is and always has been all about strong parent involvement.

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GROUP WORK

PTAs will save the day

PTA's support network includes 90 Councils, 18 Areas, 6 Regions, a State Board, and a full-time professional staff. PTAs can count on getting the assistance they need when they need it.

PTAs network

The largest gathering of parent teacher group volunteers anywhere happens every year at the Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar in Austin. Additionally, hundreds of other statewide and regional events and online tools help you volunteer leaders share their very best ideas.



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3 EASY STEPS

STEP 1:

Call 800-TALK-PTA and ask for your Area President
Your PTA Area President or their designee will work closely with you on Steps 2 and 3.

STEP 2:

Have an Organizational Meeting

Run by the PTA Area President (or their designee), this meeting will consist of the interested parents, teachers, and/or administrators (and students, if forming a PTSA) that will form the core of your new PTA. At this meeting you will elect a Bylaws Committee and a Nominating Committee. The Bylaws Committee can stay after the meeting and complete the bylaws template according to the preferences of your group. The Elections Committee will then get the officer positions from the Bylaws Committee and select nominees.

STEP 3:

Have a Second Organizational Meeting

Run by the PTA Area President (or their designee), this meeting consists of at least twenty parents, teachers, and/or administrators (and students if forming a PTSA). In this meeting you will adopt bylaws, elect officers, collect dues from your charter members, and address any business facing the group. Note: There must be twenty charter members who pay their membership dues at this meeting. To be a PTA, your group pays \$3 per member to the PTA organization annually. Your PTA can collect membership dues over and above this amount as they see fit.

Get Connected

Your Area President (or designee) will continue to work with your newly formed PTA to complete certain forms required by Texas and US law, and facilitate officer training.

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