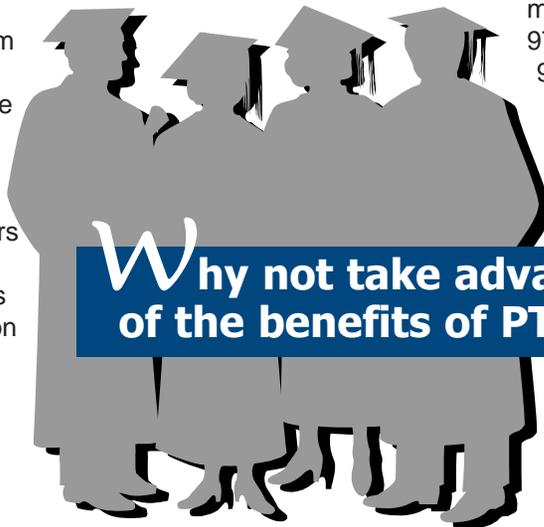


Schools benefit, because PTA ...

61. establishes a link between home and school.
62. advocates for public education.
63. provides volunteer support.
64. collaborates with the school district on different projects.
65. networks with other parents and school districts, bringing new ideas to the campus.
66. enables a constant volunteer base from year to year that is trained and informed.
67. provides teacher scholarships.
68. raises funds for student activities.
69. increases the quality of the relationship between teachers and students.
70. allows educators access to grassroots strength and support.
71. organizes informational events, such as a Safety and Health Fair.
72. provides training in non-profit structure and management.
73. creates an informed core group who can take action when special issues arise.
74. provides awareness and support for special populations, such as students with special needs.
75. connects students, teachers and parents in an active network.
76. provides parental support to faculty and staff.
77. facilitates decision-making between parents and teachers.
78. creates a support system to speak on behalf of teachers and staff before school boards and legislative bodies.
79. enables professional development for teachers and staff.
80. recognizes and supports the efforts and dedication of educators.
81. provides a necessary point of view on student requirements and achievement.

Communities benefit, because PTA ...

82. promotes "multiculturalism" in this nation of immigrants.
83. focuses attention on the needs of the community.
84. involves the entire community in the support of education.
85. builds neighborhoods into communities with youth as a focus.
86. provides opportunities for social interaction and the development of new and lasting friendships.
87. encourages involvement of all populations, from youth to senior citizens.
88. provides information and speakers on a variety of topics critical to all.
89. serves as a healthy investment of time and money.
90. ensures financial accountability for dues collection and fundraising monies.
91. allows involvement in a tried and proven system.
92. is inclusive, welcoming everyone as members.
93. gives a voice to non-parents.
94. engages youth in worthwhile activities that benefit the community.
95. presents opportunities to apply for awards and recognition at all levels.
96. enables the sharing of ideas with other communities nationwide.
97. provides structure and training.
98. provides a rich history of caring for parents and non-parents.
99. ensures the future workforce.
100. builds character and encourages citizenship.



**Why not take advantage
of the benefits of PTA?**

100 REASONS TO BE A SECONDARY PTA



Communities

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Schools

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Parents

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Students

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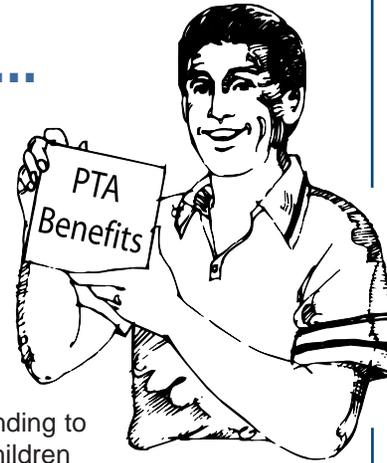
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Students benefit, because PTA ...

1. works for ALL children.
2. provides the positive influence of parental involvement and support.
3. provides opportunities for student involvement on campus and in the community.
4. funds student scholarships.
5. offers avenues for student leadership development.
6. provides positive reinforcement for academic achievement.
7. exposes students to artistic endeavors and expression.
8. assists with guidance for college selection and application.
9. provides understanding of and support for current issues facing our children.
10. allows students to give something back to their school.
11. supports student activities, such as graduation, prom, musicals, etc.
12. provides academic tutoring.
13. assists with after-school activities.
14. presents alcohol and drug abstinence programs.
15. provides tobacco prevention programs.
16. prepares students for the realities of life.
17. focuses attention on the understanding of where students stand in society, not just in school.
18. teaches students how to be a role model to siblings and future generations.



19. promotes good study skills.
20. encourages exchange students to become involved in PTA in their countries.
21. promotes understanding to and sensitivity of children with special needs.
22. gives additional support to children who may not receive enough at home.
23. raises funds for activities and programming.
24. aids students with job search.
25. provides information on career opportunities.
26. demonstrates caring and support for our children.
27. involves students in the legislative process, such as voting, contacting legislators, etc.
28. offers on-campus assistance with at-risk students.
29. supports every child, unlike booster clubs, without regard to their interests.
30. interacts with other state and national groups for the welfare of children.
31. provides a positive volunteer role model for teens.
32. connects students with community mentors.
33. provides opportunities for students to meet and interact with local agencies and organizations.
34. recognizes outstanding achievement through local, state and national awards.
35. allows student input on a variety of topics that affect children.



Parents benefit, because PTA ...

36. develops skills that can be used both in PTA and in the work force.
37. provides access to the many programs offered through National and Texas PTA.
38. facilitates the development of special projects geared to the needs of the students.
39. allows access to others with common goals and interests.
40. provides guidance in conflict resolution.
41. creates a constant learning experience.
42. allows members to network with other PTAs.
43. develops new and lasting friendships.
44. prepares parents to deal with student challenges, such as peer pressure.
45. teaches parents how to successfully interact with their children.
46. allows parents to meet and network with other parents.
47. supports all family units, from single parent to extended family homes.
48. provides easy access to speakers on a variety of topics.
49. gives parents an opportunity to develop leadership skills.
50. allows parents to see and become role models to other parents.
51. creates a support group for parents as they approach the "empty nest" years.
52. provides the opportunity to work on state and national committees for children.
53. develops a support system for parents with children entering high school.
54. facilitates communication about activities and events at school.
55. allows parents to see the benefit of staying involved in their children's lives.
56. informs parents of the need for child advocacy.
57. provides the opportunity for legislative input.
58. assists members whenever help is needed.
59. promotes awareness of the diverse cultures in the community.
60. provides the support for grassroots efforts for children.