

**Washington State**  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
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The number-one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

**Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

**Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

**Tap into a Network.** PTA functions provide opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, build rapport, and discuss parenting issues that are on your mind.

**Watch yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences and personal confidence. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause.

**Speak Up.** Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions and more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

**Help Your Child Succeed.** PTA fosters parent involvement. Parent involvement has been proven by three decades of research to be the greatest predictor of student success.

**Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, social events – all vital to a school's success.

**Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

## **JOIN US TODAY!**

It only cost about 3 cents a day to become a PTA member for the year (based on the average membership dues of a PTA in WA State). You can become a PTA member, joining the nearly 500 million other people (nationwide) who share your interest in issues affecting children. Everyone – parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities – are invited to join our not-for-profit organization.



## You Should Join Because...



### PTA IS UNIQUE BECAUSE

- It has not lost its focus for over 100 years - *everychild.onevoice*.
- It demonstrates how one person can make a difference by working with others within the PTA network.
- It provides extensive training and reflects the professionalism of its volunteers.
- It continues to be highly respected as an advocate in the state and nation for children and youth.

### ***“You should join PTA because PTA membership . . .”***

***Benefits your child and benefits our schools.*** More than 85 rigorous academic research studies conducted over 30 years of research proves that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.

***Connects you to a Network.*** Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

***Means More Informed Parents.*** Parents involved in PTA understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. They support improving education, both locally and legislatively. By developing a closer relationship with parents, student achievement improves, and the school develops a positive reputation in the community.

***Boosts Children’s Well-being.*** PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in learning, including nutrition, health, and wellbeing. Whether it is school safety, physical fitness, or healthy breakfasts, PTA works with school administrators to ensure that children are prepared to succeed.

***Gets you Connected and Adds Your Voice to Others.*** There’s no better way to know what’s happening in your school. Regularly scheduled meetings are an opportunity for you to share information with other members. Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child’s school.

***Leverages Volunteer Power.*** PTA organizes hard-working and dedicated volunteers. Parents are ready and willing to help implement school improvement programs.

***Provides Great Resources.*** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students. Resource materials and training opportunities are plentiful in PTA.

***Improves your skills.*** By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It’s an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause – for your child and all children in the community.

***Results in School Improvement.*** By getting involved at your child’s school you’ll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events – all vital to a school’s success.

***Makes You a Good Role Model.*** By becoming a PTA member, you’ll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.