

# 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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