



Why is the PTA important, and how does it work to make a difference?

Your PTA can CONNECT PARENTS, SUPPORT TEACHERS and BENEFIT STUDENTS.

How? That's the fun part – and it's up to you!

- PTA **EDUCATES PARENTS AND FAMILIES** and it **HELPS US SUPPORT THE EDUCATION** of our children.
- PTA **IMPROVES SCHOOLS** in ways that are important to families.
- PTA **CREATES COMMUNITY** in our schools and in our neighborhoods.
- PTA **SUPPORTS TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES** who support our children.
- PTA **GIVES FAMILIES POWER ON YOUR CAMPUS** and helps parents speak with one voice about important topics.
- PTA **GIVES YOU A VOICE** in the government, about laws and policies that impact children.
- PTA **SHOWS OUR STUDENTS THAT WE VALUE EDUCATION.**
- PTA **HELPS FAMILIES LEARN NEW SKILLS** that they can use in everyday life.
- PTA **CREATES FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER FAMILIES.**
- PTA **IS FUN!**

PTA looks different in each school. It can organize events to educate parents about student success, sponsor game nights or picnics for families, help to plan field trips and more. PTA doesn't cost much in money or time. Dues are between \$5 and \$15 each year, and the time you spend depends on you. There are many groups that will speak to your PTA about many different topics – including many who speak Spanish and are completely free.

ACPTA has worked with PTAs from many schools to organize a free and fun event for AISD families in September, to support free CapMetro trips for students, to connect parents with resources and information, to build relationships among schools, to encourage parents and principals to support their PTAs, to offer funds to help PTAs, end the youth curfew, ask the state of Texas to pay more for our schools, and much more.

Your school is unique, and so is your PTA! Do you need help to get started? That's why we're here!

ACPTA can connect you with ideas, resources and parents who have done this before.

El ACPTA se puede conectar con ideas, recursos y padres que han estado allí antes.

We're part of your community and we're here to help!

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