

# WHY BELONG TO PTA

Any person may be a PTA member when his/her circle of concern stretches beyond his/her own child to include ALL children.

People belong to PTA for two major reasons:

- PTA offers an abundance of resources to PTA units, printed as well as human.
- PTA is strengthened by our large membership and is better able to advocate for ALL children in Madison and Washington D.C.

## Examples of PTA Resources are:

- ❑ Materials to help each PTA be as effective and efficient as possible.
- ❑ Resources to help PTAs and PTSAs develop programs through materials mailed directly as well as the loan library in the Wisconsin PTA State Office.
- ❑ The Reflections Program, a national awards program that recognizes young people for the efforts in literature, music, photography, and visual arts.
- ❑ *Our Children*, the National PTA magazine that deals with issues for all ages of children and youth.
- ❑ *Wisconsin Parent Teacher*, the Wisconsin PTA newsletter.
- ❑ Leadership Conference, held each fall, to help PTA leaders be better skilled in their roles as PTA Board members
- ❑ Annual Convention, where delegates conduct the business of the organization, network, and attend workshops.
- ❑ Volunteer State Board members available to assist PTA units, just a call away.
- ❑ Web-sites – National PTA at [pta.org](http://pta.org) & Wisconsin PTA at [wisconsinpta.org](http://wisconsinpta.org)

## PTA is an advocate for all children. PTA members

- ❑ Serve on the DPI Committees working on the Title II Teacher Quality Education rules.
- ❑ Serve on the School Health Coalition.
- ❑ Serve on the Safe Schools Task Force.
- ❑ Serve many other content, awards and recognitions committees at the state level.

## PTA is actively

- ❑ Working to raise awareness about education funding in the state of Wisconsin.
- ❑ Working to enact a “healthy schools” bill that will help protect our children from unnecessary exposure to pesticides.
- ❑ Working to keep our members up to date on current issues effecting children through, e-mail, “Alerts”, newsletters, and our web-site.
- ❑ Seeking accountability for Charter school and school choice.
- ❑ Working on Safe Schools initiative.

**PTA is a recognized resource for information promoting meaningful parent involvement.** We promote Families, Schools and Communities working together to the benefit of all the children. Resources include

- ❑ ***The National Standards for Parent and Family Involvement*** – a booklet that describes the 6 types of parent involvement (based on the Joyce Epstein model) and gives criteria for measuring and increasing on current positions.
- ❑ **Building Successful Partnership** is a book developed and published by National PTA that has practical next step information, building on the six types.
- ❑ Wisconsin PTA offers speakers, trained by National PTA using the Building Successful Partnerships materials as a professional presentation base.

For more information or to join Wisconsin PTA, please contact us

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