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WHY PTA?

Given The longevity and universal name recognition of our association, it is easy to understand how “PTA” is commonly used to describe all parent groups, whether or not they are actually affiliated with PTA. Parents, teachers, and even administrators frequently are confused or even unaware of the differences between PTA and other parent organizations. So what truly differentiates PTA from all other parent groups?

- PTA is the nation’s original parent group in schools. We are the nation’s premier resource for parent involvement.
- PTA is a national, grassroots, not-for-profit association; neither the association nor its leaders make any profit or receive any financial benefit from PTA activities.
- PTA has millions of members in more that 23,000 local units. These units are supported by a national and state system that provides them with information, resources, and training.
- PTA is run by volunteers and led by volunteers, and we are accountable to our members, parents, and schools.
- Members receive the information and training they need to advocate effectively at the local, state, and national levels for funding, programs, and services for their schools.
- PTA is an inclusive association that is open to all those who care about children and schools.
- Each of the 23,000 local units (over 650 local units in Utah) selects the programs and activities that it will undertake to address the needs of its local school and children. While National PTA creates many successful programs for local units to use, there are no PTA-mandated programs.
- State PTAs and National PTA provide support to help local PTAs succeed.
- Members receive special discounts and promotional offers from PTA National Member Benefits Providers.
- PTA offers programs to increase family engagement and support the educational success, health, and well-being of all children.
- All children in a school are benefitted from the funds raised and programs offered by the PTA. Every Child, One Voice
- National PTA and Utah PTA offer valuable programs such as Reflections, Red Ribbon Week, Battle of the Bands, Take Your Family to School Week and more
- Many volunteer hours are donated to children and schools by PTA volunteers, thereby saving the school and district money
- Funds are raised to benefit the school and its students by the PTA
- PTA provides wonderful opportunities for leadership, service and personal growth.
- Tools and resources are available at www.pta.org and www.utahpta.org