

What is Utah PTA?

PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in Utah and throughout the United States. With more than 138,000 local members in 650 public schools, UTAH PTA was created as a partnership between parents, educators, and individuals who want to make a difference in the life of a child. Members of UTAH PTA are also affiliated with the 5 million members of National PTA, an organization which is actively involved in promoting legislation supporting the nation's public school children.

UTAH PTA sponsors National PTA programs and legislative efforts as they relate to the welfare of Utah's public school children. UTAH PTA is involved in numerous committees, coalitions, summits, and other partnerships. UTAH PTA holds an annual Leadership Convention to train PTA leaders across the state and a Legislative Conference to bring important grassroots issues to the membership.

What Does Utah PTA Do?



- Actively works in schools and communities to improve the lives of all children with a highly diverse volunteer membership which donates thousands of hours of time to benefit the children in local public schools.
- Seeks to benefit the education, safety, and welfare of children and families by working with local

businesses, organizations, and community leaders to develop the common community bonds that further local values and goals and strengthen homes, families, and communities.

- Provides an outreach opportunity for parents voices through a grass roots organization that speaks on behalf of children and youth regarding public education.

- Advocates for all children, following legislative bills that are supported by resolutions.
- Is the watch dog organization for School Trust Lands money.
- Provides valuable information to parents and PTA leaders throughout Utah, through leadership training and National Standards for Family School Partnerships.
- Sponsors programs for children including Reflections, McGruff House, Reading=Succeeding, Hope for Tomorrow, Battle of the Bands, Family Table Talk, and Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week.

Utah PTA Milestones

- **2008.** Awarded the National PTA's State Advocacy Award.
- **2006.** Held the first Reading=Succeeding and launched a new web site. National PTA added Dance and Film/Video to its Reflections program (UTAH PTA developed these categories in 1998).
- **2003.** Created the Arts Education Fund and began Hope for Tomorrow partnership.
- **2001.** Partnered with USOE and UEA to begin the Partnership Network and Building Successful Partnerships Programs.
- **2001.** Held the first annual Road Trip and Battle of the Bands.
- **1998.** Received a federal PIRC grant to develop the Utah Family Center.
- **1992.** Advocated for School Trust Lands legislation.
- **1991.** Presented the first "Golden Apple" Awards in partnership with KUED.
- **1951.** Had a PTA in every school in Utah.
- **1925.** Joined the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

BECOME INVOLVED IN UTAH PTA...JOIN NOW, MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

I would like to be involved in the following:

- Teacher Appreciation
- School Volunteer
- Parent and Family Involvement
- Reflections Program
- Local PTA Board
- Other Activities

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National PTA Mission Statement

The Mission of the PTA is three-fold:

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and

To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

The Purposes of PTA

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate more intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, social, and spiritual education.



Utah PTA Mission Statement

The Utah PTA will help every child realize his full potential and will:



Advocate:

Support and speak on behalf of children and youth, and ...



Involve:

Encourage positive involvement in all facets of a child's life, and...



Develop:

Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth.