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Involving Students Strengthens Your PTA - August 16, 2021



Membership Tip: Involving Students Strengthens Your PTA

Adding student members to your association and having students serve on your executive board is great for them and great for your PTA.

PTA was established to be a powerful voice for all children. Having student and youth involvement in your PTA, or on your PTA board, brings an important and different perspective to your organization. It also helps students learn to speak for themselves in a safe, supportive environment. Who better to speak for students than students?



Can students become PTA members? Yes!

Per the California State PTA Toolkit, "Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of PTA becomes a member upon payment of dues." This includes students. Many of our PTA units decide to become PTSAs to stress this focus on students.

JOIN NOW



To Share

When reaching out to students, be sure to stress the ways PTA membership helps students. The student representatives on our California State PTA Board of Managers tell their fellow students about these advantages:

- Gain leadership experience you'll use for the rest of your life
- You have a voice in how your school can serve and affect you
- · Receive access to scholarships
- . Enjoy lots of member benefits and discounts
- · Share your ideas and let your voice be heard
- Positively impact your community through service (most schools require community service hours in order to graduate)
- Make a difference for your generation and the generations to come

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Resources For Student Involvement

This webpage contains a message you can share with students to encourage them to join PTA: https://capta.org/join/student-membership/

For guidance and ideas for creating and sustaining student involvement in your PTA, take a look at this page in the California State PTA Toolkit for Leaders:

http://toolkit.capta.org/membership/involving-students/





REMINDER!!

Join the Membership Idea Exchange (in English) **tonight at 7:00 p.m.** Share your membership campaign ideas, or get new ideas from other local leaders. There's still time to sign up! <u>Click here</u> to register.

Save the date for the next Membership Idea Exchange (in Spanish), which takes place next **Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Click here to register.

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Immunizations

To help schools and families make sure every child starts school healthy and immunized this fall, we are sharing a wealth of resources created by the CDC especially for school communities.

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The Academic Impact of a Lost Year

AB 104 goes into effect immediately and allows parents of students who fell behind during the last year to pursue a number of learning recovery options before the next school year begins. California State PTA supported the bill. Read more on our blog.



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