

## PTA Programs

### Build strong family-school partnerships

Research shows that engaged parents make a difference and ensure their child's overall success. With family engagement, students are more likely to perform better in school, earn higher grades, pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills and go on to postsecondary education.

Create PTA programs to fit your school community needs, encourage family engagement and build strong family-school partnerships.

### Six National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

An easy way to keep this big picture in mind is to rely on the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. When planning a program, ask yourself, how will our program reflect our commitment to:

- Standard 1: **Welcoming All Families:** To make families feel welcomed, valued and connected to each other and the school
- Standard 2: **Communicating Effectively:** To offer effective communication between parents, schools and parent groups
- Standard 3: **Supporting Student Success:** To encourage parent involvement to heighten student achievement
- Standard 4: **Speaking Up for Every Child:** To become an effective advocate for children and their education
- Standard 5: **Sharing Power:** To share power between families, students, teachers, school staff and the community
- Standard 6: **Collaborating With Community:** To connect the school with the community

As a framework for how families, schools and communities work together to support student success, these standards offer useful benchmarks to plan your programs.

For more information and resources, download *The National Standards for Family-School Partnerships Implementation Guide* at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

