

**AT-RISK STUDENTS  
(School Drop-Outs)**

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WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA encourages closer relations between the home and the school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA realizes that one out of every four of Tennessee's children will leave school before graduation; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA has set a goal to reduce the drop-out rate by 20% over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA realizes that students who are not in school, lower the system's daily average attendance, resulting in a loss of state funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA urge its regions, councils, and local units to encourage their school districts to formulate and/or maintain strict attendance policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA encourage school districts to develop plans for the early identification of potential drop-outs in the elementary grades.

Adopted by the 1988 Convention Delegates  
Reaffirmed by the 1994 Convention Delegates  
Referred to the Education Committee – April, 1999  
Retired by the 2003 Convention Delegates