



PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

When families, schools and communities work effectively together as partners, family engagement is a powerful strategy that boosts student achievement and better prepares our children to lead healthy, happy and productive lives.

That's the thinking behind PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. As research-based family engagement standards, they provide a framework to build stronger connections between home and school. Watch for recordings from Tennessee PTA on our [Facebook page](#). Find out more information about the standards at www.pta.org

Call for Advocacy Stories

Do you have a great story about advocating for your families, PTA, or community? We want to hear from you! Tennessee PTA is looking for local units who are doing the hard work of advocating for children and we want to know what you are doing to help other units see what is possible! Your story may be featured in some upcoming Tennessee PTA training materials. Please send any advocacy stories you have to chighfill@tnpta.org.

Important Financial Deadlines for all PTA Units

To comply with federal and state nonprofit obligations, the following deadlines on or before for financial requirements:

November 1: Required membership dues deadline **[This is new this year! Before, it was on December 1.]**

November 1: Audit Report deadline. Upload in MemberHub in compliance section.

November 15: File 990 form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Avoid IRS revocation—file the 990!

November 20: Confirmation receipt of 990 filing sent to Tennessee PTA. Upload in MemberHub.

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Message from the President

Hello PTA Members!

The Tennessee PTA Board has held two great board meetings this term so far, and the Tennessee PTA has accomplished great things already! What humility it brings to watch such passionate, dedicated board members advocating for every child and doing something special that a statewide association can do – provide statewide connection and representation!

I am attending courses through the Chapman Institute this fall and one of the courses really tied well to PTA and to leadership. The course was titled Effective Way to Build Trust. Trust, I learned, equals personal connection, belief in values, and consistent delivery. To me, that describes Tennessee PTA: building that trust with personal connections, the PTA mission, and being consistent on our values to advocate for every child. As a leader, here are three key ingredients to build trust: *Listen. Honesty. Support.* These three values are the foundation to build leadership trust. I hope these informative phrases will help you to build enduring trust in leadership and in PTA advocacy.

Dwight Hunter

president@tnpta.org

Give the Lifetime Achievement Award
from Tennessee PTA.

*Highest
Honor!*

Give a Lifetime Achievement Award!

The Tennessee PTA Life Achievement Award is the highest honor from Tennessee PTA. You may wish to recognize a principal, teacher, staff member, or a community citizen or leader who has made positive differences in the lives of children with a Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. Find the form at:

www.tnpta.org/news/life_achievement_award.pdf

Contact Us

For more information , assistance, questions and support, contact us, we are here for you.

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Look for more information about the Annual Meeting to be held in Chattanooga, April 2021!

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know that the Tennessee legislature introduced hundreds of potential pieces of legislation during the last session that affect education and children?

Visit tnpta.org to sign up for advocacy alerts about pending legislation. Be informed. Be an advocate.

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Topics ranged from funding, mandatory gun safety classes, gender and sports, sex education, and so much more. Community voice is critical in shaping the policy that affects our children and no matter what side of an issue you may fall on, we want all parents and community members to be informed. You can't advocate if you aren't informed. The Tennessee PTA has a great, easy way to be informed, and take action if needed, called [VoterVoice](#).

VoterVoice is a program that allows you to sign up for simple alerts from us if there is something that the Tennessee PTA wants to make sure you know about. If it is something that parents and caretakers need to take action on, it sets up a simple way for you to quickly and easily contact elected officials as well. We hope all community members will sign up for VoterVoice and be a part of advocating for all children.

You can sign up for VoterVoice [here](#) or on the Tennessee PTA website. Go to tnpta.org and click on advocacy then take action to sign up. If you have any questions about Voter's Voice or other ways to advocate, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Tennessee PTA at advocacy@tnpta.org.

Congratulation to the Early Bird Winners!
Thank you for meeting the early bird membership deadline!

A. L. Lotts Elementary School PTA
Amherst Elementary PTA
Anderson Elementary PTA
Andrew Jackson Elementary PTA
Arlington High School PTSA
Arlington Middle PTSA
Avoca Elementary PTA
Ball Camp Elementary PTA
Big Ridge Elementary School PTA
Bonny Kate Elementary PTA
Cedar Bluff PTSA
Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts PTA
Cherokee Elementary PTA
Christenberry Elementary School PTA
Collierville Elementary PTA
Collierville Middle School PTA
Creeside Elementary PTA
Crieve Hall Elementary PTA
Crosswind Elementary School PTA
Daisy Elementary PTA
Donelson Elementary
East Brainerd Elementary PTA
East Hamilton Middle School PTA
EE Jeter PTA
Emerald Academy PTSA
Farragut Intermediate School PTA
Farragut Primary School PTA
Frayser Community PTSA
George Washington Elementary School PTA
Haynesfield Elementary PTA
Hixson High School PTSA
Holston View Elementary PTA
Hunter Middle School PTA
Indian Trail Intermediate School PTA
Inglewood Elementary PTA
Knox County Schools Clothing Center PTA
Knox County Schools Teacher Supply Depot PTA
Liberty Bell Middle School PTSA
Lookout Mountain Elementary PTA
Mary Hughes PTSA
Mountain View Elementary School PTA
New Hopewell Elementary PTA
Nolan Elementary School PTA
Norman Binkley School PTA

Congratulations!

North Hamilton Country Elementary School PTA
Northshore Elementary School PTA
Northview Intermediate PTA
Ooltewah Elementary PTA
Pi Beta Phi Elementary PTA
Rock Spring Elementary School PTA
Rosebank Elementary PTA
Ruby Major Elementary School PTA
Schilling Farms Elementary PTA
Science Hill High School PTSA
Sequoyah High School PTA
Smith Spring Elementary School PTA
Soddy Elementary PTA
South Side Elementary PTA
Sycamore Elementary School PTA
Towne Acres Elementary PTA
West Hills Elementary PTA
Westwood High PTSA
Woodland Elementary PTA
Wolftever Creek Elementary PTA

Awesome!

TALL Membership - Join TALL!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the president of TALL, Tennessee At Large Local Unit and ask you to join TALL. I am Dana Price, Tennessee PTA President Elect. I will be serving as your Tennessee PTA President starting July 1, 2023 for two years. I am working alongside our current President Dwight Hunter.

As the President of TALL I would like to encourage everyone to join TALL. Who should join? Anyone interested in being a voice for all children. This unit was designed to allow people that do not have children in our school system or aren't affiliated with a local PTA a place to have a voice. I consider the elite group of individuals who believe joining TALL plus their local unit or council shows extra support to the Tennessee PTA. The mission of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. My goal as the president is to give this unit a strong and loud voice for all children. Make sure you understand your membership and support of our great association counts.

Please consider joining today. Our Annual Membership dues are \$25.00 which goes to support leadership development, but we also offer different levels of membership if a person wishes to support PTA at a higher level. You can fill out the TALL membership form and mail payment to the state address or purchase your membership through MemberHub. The link is www.tall.memberhub.com/store

Leadership Academy

Good morning leaders and those who want to become future leaders, I am looking for you to join me, Dana Price, at our Leadership Academy. This is a great opportunity to see how your leadership skills can be enhanced and for each individual to see their leadership potential and grow. We are the future leaders of our great association. I would like to invite all presidents, president elect's and past presidents of local units and councils to join me. The academy will be held during the winter months of January or February. Once the date, location and time is set I will be sending out a save the date and personal invitation to join me for the Leadership Academy. If you all interested in being a part of this please feel to reach out to me Dana Price at presidenelect@tnpta.org or dprice@tnpta.org



Tennessee PTA has a Tree of Honor located inside the state office at 1905 Acklen Avenue in Nashville. It is a point of tribute, recognition, or memorial honoring those who have made a contribution or impact to the PTA in some form or fashion. Latest names added to the Tree of Honor leaves:

Mary Jo Clark, Muriel Dotson, and Nancy Loggins

Do you know someone or a local unit that you would like to recognize? You can purchase a leaf and having it inscribed reflecting sentiments of recognition. Find the form on the TNPTA website.

MemberHub/Officer List

MemberHub is an important tool for communications and a free benefit to PTAs. We need your email addresses to communicate! Please update your officer lists in MemberHub or download the form and return to State Office. Form can be found at <https://tnpta.org/news/officerinformationform.pdf>

MemberHub is a great tool to sign-up members online through the store, host fundraisers, and communicate with your members. Units can also submit audit reports and other required documents in MemberHub.

Our 2021-2023 Membership Theme

"Building a Better Way Back Together"

Position Statement on Local School Authority

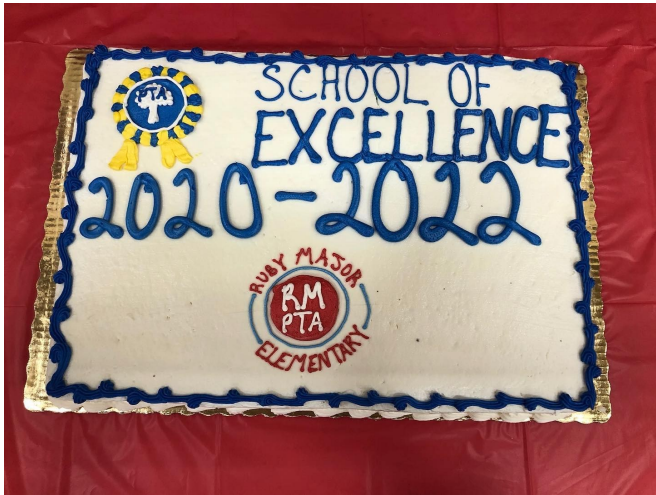
Adopted by the Board of Directors on 10/10/2021

Tennessee PTA believes that local school districts are best suited to make real-time decisions about the health and safety of their students and should be fully equipped with all necessary authority and tools to be able to operate schools safely. While we recognize that there is no single solution that serves all districts, each school district must be able to meet the safety needs of their own district. The pandemic numbers in schools are forcing school systems to shut down with no learning available, or limited authority to make decisions that will keep children safely in schools. We believe it is time for the state Board of Education and the Governor's office to return decision-making authority to our local school systems, so that they can effectively operate their schools in accordance with the specific needs of their district.

Website link at https://tnpta.org/positions/PS_Local_School_Authority.pdf

Ruby Major Elementary PTA Celebrates!

The Ruby Major Elementary PTA celebrated its PTA School of Excellence designation on September 21st! Congratulations to the Ruby Major Elementary PTA on this accomplishment!



October 19th Q&A with Tennessee PTA: Child Nutrition Focus with No Kid Hungry Tennessee

What a very informative October Q&A with Tennessee PTA with special guest Marissa Spady from No Kid Hungry Tennessee about school meals! The next Q&A will be on November 15th about our Advocacy Days for this 2021-2022 year.

How can PTA units help?

- Post about the school meals + program on social media
- Include information about school meals in school-related events
- Help your school collect meal information forms (to help school finances)



**WHAT CAN
THE PTA DO?**



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- Invite school nutrition to cater school events
- Reach out to meet your nutrition director!
- Host events, such as coffee talks, to learn more about other needs
- Help nutrition program to survey parents and students to strengthen program

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Interested in [applying](#) for a state board position or to serve on a state committee? Contact Dwight Hunter at dhunter@tnpta.org

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