

The Hows and Whys of  
Student Involvement in your  
PTA/PTSA

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Presentation Overview

- What is student involvement?
- Why is student involvement important?
- How do you get students involved?

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What is Student Involvement?

- A commitment to involve students in the leadership of the organization
- A team effort among parents, teachers and students to address issues facing today's students

Any PTA or PTSA can involve students.

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Did YOU Know?

- Students can become members at any age.
- Students have full membership privileges.
- Students can hold any office or appointed position that is appropriate for their age.

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Why do we involve students?

because

**EVERYONE WINS!**

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Students are...

- Eager to implement positive change
- Stakeholders in their own communities and education



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Students involved in PTSA gain...

- Opportunities to advocate for a cause
- Leadership skills
- Rewarding community service

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Involving students brings...

- New perspectives
- Relevance
- Increased effectiveness

TO YOUR PTA/PTSA

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Laying the Groundwork

- Commit
- Consider becoming a PTSA
- Raise awareness of PTA
- Survey
- Collaborate

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### Invite students to join PTSA

Students will join if they understand the relevance of PTSA to their education.

- Offer board positions to students.
- Appoint adult mentors to the students.
- Be sensitive to schedules.

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### What do YOU do?

- How do you encourage student participation?
- How do you include students?



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### Time to Share

How do you encourage student participation?

How do you include students?

What has student involvement brought to your PTA/PTSA?

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California State PTA Resources

- Job Descriptions for
  - Student Involvement Chairman
  - Student Board Member
- Website: [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)
  - Student Involvement pages
  - Communicator articles
- Toolkit



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So what are we waiting for?



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