

MYTHS VS TRUTHS

10 PTA® MEMBERSHIP MYTHS AND TRUTHS

MYTH: PTA membership is only for moms.

TRUTH: PTA is for everyone! Parents, guardians, students, teachers, grandparents, administrators, school board members, aunts, uncles, community members etc.

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MYTH: Joining PTA requires you to volunteer.

TRUTH: If you want to volunteer, that's great, but your support as a member is enough.

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MYTH: You must have a child at the school in order to join that PTA.

TRUTH: PTA membership is open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes and principles of PTA.

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MYTH: You can only join PTA in-person at an event or at the school.

TRUTH: Many PTAs now offer an online option to make it quick and easy for people to join.

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MYTH: I do not need to join PTA this year, my child is remote or hybrid learning.

TRUTH: You do still need to join because just like schools, PTAs are moving to a virtual space and continuing to connect families, teachers and administrators and supporting critical school needs.

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MYTH: PTA membership never expires.

TRUTH: You need to join every year. Even though membership generally runs annually July – June, you can join anytime during the year.

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MYTH: You can only be a member of one PTA.

TRUTH: There is no limit to the number of PTAs or PTSAs you can support.

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MYTH: I do not need to join PTA now that my child is in high school.

TRUTH: Students who attend a high school with a PTA or PTSA are more likely to graduate. And the more members in the PTA/PTSA, the higher the overall graduation rates.

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MYTH: PTA is only a social club.

TRUTH: PTA is a membership-based advocacy association. Local PTAs build community between schools and families. Join to have your voice heard!

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MYTH: I can only join a PTA at the beginning of the school year.

TRUTH: You can join a PTA anytime!

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BONUS

MYTH:

All PTA activities must happen at a school or on campus.

TRUTH:

PTAs can host their meetings, events, programs, etc. anywhere! For example: libraries, community centers, recreation centers, outside, virtually, etc.