

Objectives of the PTA

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

Be Aware

If an issue is potentially divisive to your membership, inform and educate rather than support or oppose.

Please visit the Kansas PTA website at www.kansas-pta.org, click on legislative tab for Issue Briefs, Myth Busters, How to Tips, Vote Count, and other pertinent advocacy and legislative information.

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PTAs are chartered or organized as 501(c)3 organizations, and as such are held to the legal guidelines put in place by the IRS for nonprofit, educational organizations.

Kansas PTA is a noncommercial, nonsectarian, nonpartisan association that promotes the welfare of children and youth. Kansas PTA does not endorse any candidate or political party.

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Kansas PTA Legislative Platform

Where Kansas PTA Stands:

EDUCATION

BASIC POLICY: The Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriation for public schools that will ensure all children and youth in Kansas a high quality, adequately funded education. Recognizing that quality education for children is directly related to the effectiveness and efficiency of school personnel, the Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriations to encourage, recognize and provide incentives for school personnel that will improve and benefit the education of children and youth in Kansas. The Kansas PTA recognizes no educational system can be of the highest quality without the support, involvement and cooperation of parents, legislators, and the community.

HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY

BASIC POLICY: The Kansas PTA will support legislation and appropriations that safeguard and/or relate to the health and safety of children and youth.

Kansas PTA works for a quality, adequately funded public education and the health, safety and welfare of all children and youth in the state of Kansas.

PTA DO'S & DON'Ts

- **DO** provide voter registration
- **DO** provide voter education
- **DO** schedule advocacy activities
- **DO** obtain approval from PTA membership before representing them on an advocacy issue
- **DO** contact Kansas PTA or National PTA for advice, questions or concerns
- **DO** seek legal advice if you have questions or concerns
- **DO NOT** endorse (or favor) a particular candidate or political party
- **DO NOT** use nonprofit resources, contact lists, coordination of activities, etc. for or against any candidate or political party
- **DO NOT** distribute communication explicitly designed to endorse or oppose a candidate or political party.
- **DO NOT** begin lobbying without knowing your state lobbying rules and ensuring a resolution or position statement is on file with Kansas PTA or National PTA.

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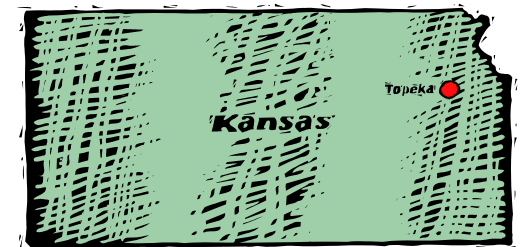
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Speaking on PTA Issues

The PTA president is the designated media spokesperson for the association.

A PTA MEMBER:

- **Can only speak for or against issues that have been decided by a vote of the PTA membership or if the issue is covered by a Kansas PTA or National PTA priority, position statement or resolution.**
- Must always keep the building principal informed
- Be certain to follow any school district procedures before speaking with the media.
- Cannot express his/her personal opinion on an issue when using a PTA title (past or present title) or a PTA platform (newsletter, website, etc.)
- Cannot use a PTA title when sending an email that is partisan in nature.
- Cannot use a title when supporting or opposing a political candidate.



Adopted by the 2010 Kansas PTA convention delegates.