



STANDING POLICY POSITIONS

EDUCATION POLICY – Kansas PTA supports open access to quality education that provides every Kansas child an equitable opportunity to grow and to achieve the state education standards. The Kansas PTA recognizes no education system can be of the highest quality without the support, involvement and collaboration of family caregivers, educators, legislators and the community.

Standing Position – Supporting Educators. Kansas PTA supports efforts to attract and keep educators, including state funding for teacher mentoring, professional development and other evidenced-based programs and policies that promote quality instruction.

Standing Position – Charter Schools. Kansas PTA supports current state charter legislation, passed in 1994. Charter legislation should assure that charter school authorizing bodies meet the highest levels of accountability, ensure transparency, and meaningfully engage parents. Charter Schools should be open to all students and comply with federal and state laws governing public schools that require transparency, responsibility and accountability. The National PTA Position Statement on Charter Schools can be found at www.pta.org for complete review. Education Policy.

Standing Position – Rigorous State Education Standards. Kansas PTA supports the State Board of Education’s routine review, revision and adoption of state education standards, including the College and Career Ready Standards (derived from the Common Core States Standards Initiative) and the Next Generation Science Standards. We encourage the State Board’s continued use of stakeholder engagement throughout the revision process, including meaningful input from parents and teachers. Kansas PTA opposes legislation that would ban or defund the education standards as approved by our freely elected, non-partisan members of the State Board of Education. Education Policy.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY - Kansas PTA will encourage the adoption of PTA family engagement standards into relevant legislation and policy.

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SAFETY POLICY - Kansas PTA supports programming and policies that create a safe learning environment for students and staff.

Standing Position – Student Data, Privacy and Info Sharing. Kansas PTA recognizes the value of collecting student data to make informed decisions about educational policy and practices and thus will advocate that data collectors be transparent and engaged with families on the development, implementation and notification about policies and procedures related to the privacy and protection of student data; and, allow for parents and

families to retain the right to review and request corrections of their child(ren)'s education records or profiles.

Standing Position – Safe Routes to School.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY - The Kansas PTA supports efforts that safeguard and promote the health and welfare of Kansas kids, allowing for learners to engage and make educational growth.

Standing Priority – Juvenile Justice. Kansas PTA supports prevention and early intervention programs and initiatives to reduce participation of youth in the juvenile justice system and to promote the prevention of delinquency.

- Mental health and wellness
- Healthy nutrition
- Vaccination
- Foster care
- Sustainability – school climate

EQUITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

- Non-discrimination policies – protected classes of sexual orientation and gender identify.
- Children of immigrant families – children belong with their parents, family members or legal guardian. The protection and preservation of public school attendance, student learning and well-being is of paramount importance to the future and success of our country. All children including undocumented children should have access to free public education.
- Equity, diversity and inclusion – cultural competence

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