

ISSUE BRIEF

CHECKLIST of Permissible Activities of 501c3

The Checklist — applies to the work of PTAs. This checklist is adapted from [National PTA resources](#) to guide activities of volunteers working on behalf of the PTA.¹ Members and officers of this organization are not precluded from exercising their first amendment rights and expressing their own opinions, as individuals, outside of their PTA role.



PTA may NOT ... conduct partisan activities to support or oppose any candidate for public office, including:

- Endorsing a candidate.
- Making a campaign contribution to, or an expenditure for, a candidate.
- Rating candidates on who is most favorable to your issue(s).
- Letting candidates use the organization's facilities or resources, unless those resources are made equally available to all candidates at their fair market value.

PTA MAY ... conduct a wide range of nonpartisan engagement activities, including:

Conduct or Promote Voter Registration

Make registration forms available at events, help register high school students, incorporate registration into ongoing services.

Educate Voters on the Voting Process

Familiarize the voting process by helping voters determine where, when, and how to vote. Look up polling locations and describe to new voters what will happen at the polls.

Support Get-Out-the-Vote Efforts

Share voter information across multiple channels, encourage voter-to-voter² efforts,

remind parents, staff and patrons to vote, turn Election Day into a celebration!

Host or Co-Sponsor a Candidate Forum

Help your community to familiarize themselves with the candidates and where they stand on the issues. All candidates must be invited the event. Questions should align with issues relevant to the PTA mission and/or the Kansas PTA legislative platforms.

Support or Oppose a Ballot Measure

Take a stand on a ballot measure, particularly if it impacts Kansas students. Issue action alerts, contact your legislators, testify at legislative committee hearings. Engaging the public around ballot measures can help further your mission and public policy goals.

Educate the School Community and Legislators on Your Issues

Share your policy priorities and positions with parents, patrons, teachers and legislators.

Distribute Nonpartisan Vote Counts

Provide nonpartisan information about the votes made by elected officials in relation to the Kansas PTA legislative platform to help your constituents and community understand the actions state legislators take in relation to public education policy.

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