



# **Legislation & Advocacy**

May 2021 LIST Training  
(Leadership In-Service Training)



# PTA

PTA is a child advocacy association. Its legislative mission is to speak on behalf of all children and youth at the local, state, and federal levels.



One of the Purposes of PTA is “to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.” PTA promotes and encourages legislative advocacy for the education and welfare of all children and youth.

# Job Description

## The Chairperson or VP of Legislation & Advocacy should

- Demonstrate leadership on children's issues at the local level

## Regarding PTA's issues of concern and legislative priorities and goals

- Educate
  - PTA members
  - Community members
  - Elected officials

The unit, council, or district legislative chair provides PTA members with information about PTA positions on current legislation and issues.

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LOCAL  
Unit  
Burbank  
First District

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CAPTA.org  
PTA.org

**Where can I find  
PTA's Positions?**



# How do I take action?

Rule #1 Your Association Must Approve

\*ideally your executive board will discuss

\*some actions will come from Council or CAPTA

# UNIT PTA

PTAs cannot advocate in the name of PTA without prior PTA authority.

If there is no prior adopted PTA position on record, the next step is to conduct a study.

Your council or district PTA can provide assistance.

Present the results of the study to your members. They may vote to accept the recommendations of the study and to forward them through channels (unit to council [if in council], council to district PTA) to California State PTA.



# Nonpartisan Policy

PTA must never support or oppose political parties or candidates, including those running for school boards on nonpartisan slates.

*(City Council, Presidential Election)*

However, PTA may adopt a position expressing its support for or opposition to issues dealing with the health, safety, education, or general well-being of children and youth, but only to the extent permissible with respect to the requirements of each PTA's tax-exempt status.

*(Schools and Communities First, Prop 15)*

Nothing in the law or in PTA bylaws prohibits members as individuals from exercising their civic responsibilities in personal and partisan ways, including running for office.

*(Be mindful of optics.)*

# Communicate

**Educate**

**VOTE**