

## A PTAs Rights and Responsibilities

**The National PTA Board of Directors has stated that all PTAs have certain organizational rights as follows:**

- To function as an independent, nonpartisan child advocacy group
- To seek enactment of policies and practices that protect children and youth
- To participate within school board policy in the setting of school goals and assist in the review of teaching materials
- To meet with appropriate school officials to discuss matters of mutual concern affecting children

**National PTA believes that all PTAs have the responsibility to do the following:**

- To protect access to quality education for all children
- To seek information on policies, curricula, and laws that affect children
- To share accurate information with members and the school community
- To know, help, and interact with teachers and administrators
- To accept responsibilities willingly to assure that the PTA is strong and active
- To work both within the PTA and the school in a constructive manner, maintaining respect for democratic procedures and a tolerance for the diversity of opinions
- To work in partnership with school professionals to determine appropriate programs and services
- To participate in making decisions affecting policies, rules, and regulations

**PTA Nonpartisan Policy/Legislative Activity:**

- May **never** support or oppose political candidates
- May propose, support, or oppose legislation needed to achieve the Purposes, provided that those efforts do not exceed the limitations placed upon such organizations under federal tax laws

**PTA Noncommercial Policy:**

- Prohibited under federal law from engaging in substantial business activities that are unrelated to their tax-exempt purposes, which are legally defined as education and charitable
- May not endorse products, companies, or foundations
- May not sell or lend mailing lists
- May accept and acknowledge contributions of sponsors of PTA programs
- Should familiarize themselves with local, state, and federal regulations and requirements regarding licensing and liability before sponsoring or conducting public events