

“WHY PTA” FOR PARENT

PTA v. Other Parent Groups

While alike...

Both understand the need for parent groups and strong parent involvement.

There is a difference...

***Network of Support.** Local units are not alone; they have the strong support of their council, district, state and national PTA. You share a link with other PTAs in your area which increases your influence in county/city, state and national educational matters.

***Insurance** – The two main insurance carriers offer reduced insurance rates based on PTA affiliation, because these companies know that there is an extra level of support with accounting, training and programs, which reduces their risk.

***Established Procedures** – Sample bylaws; ideas for running meetings. PTA knows how to effectively organize your group so that the work gets done.

***501(c)(3) Status** – being part of PTA automatically allows you to fall under the umbrella of our not for profit group. An individual group filing for this status could spend up to \$750.00

***Publications** – We have an easy to use web site and offer a bi-annual magazine, as well as the ability to subscribe to “The Voice” and online communication tool. Both the Virginia PTA and National PTA have websites that offer valuable information and training opportunities

***Training** – We offer regular, consistent training opportunities from your district up to our state LTC Leadership Training Conference.

***Voice** – PTA offers you a voice both at your school level, school division level, up to and including the state legislature. PTA can speak to programs, statewide legislation and issues that affect Virginia’s children. National PTA does the same on a National level.

***Name Recognition** – Parents are familiar with the name “PTA”, as are local businesses, educators and students. With almost 6 million members nationwide, PTA has a strong place in the role of parent involvement.

***Think this way** PT “A” the “A” can stand for “All” that is all children regardless of what school they are from. PT’O” or “other parent groups”, the “O” stands for “our” or only the students in my particular school.

Why wait your children deserve the best. Contact the Virginia State PTA office at info@vapta.org or field-service@vapta.org for more information on how we can help you start a PTA at your school.

