Is Your Unit in Good Standing?

OFFICERS LIST’S WAS DUE BY JUNE 30
Officer’s List

INSURANCE PAYMENT WAS DUE BY JUNE 30
Insurance

STANDARDS OF AFFILIATION CHECKLIST
SOA’s (Standards of Affiliation)

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE AUGUST 31 (Late submissions will NOT count for August!)
Membership

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Do you know the PTA Mission?
Our mission guides everything we do
Congratulations to Marley Park PTA for earning the National PTA’s School Of Excellence!

NPTA Position Statement - Rights and Services for Undocumented Children
RIGHTS AND SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN

The National PTA recognizes that the United States began as a country of immigrants and that the resulting blend of cultures enriches our nation. The National PTA also believes that all children residing in the United States, regardless of their immigration status, have the right of access to a quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic health care services.

The National PTA supports the following statements:

- The protection and preservation of public school attendance, student learning and well-being is of paramount import to the future and success of our country.
- It is in the national interest to ensure that all children, including undocumented children, have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become productive members of society. Access to a free public education is the most effective method of securing this opportunity, and should not be denied to any child.
- The Supreme Court of the United States concluded in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) that undocumented school-aged children are entitled to have access to a high quality and free public K-12 education.
- Undocumented school-age children may also not be constructively denied a free education through coercion, illegal data collection, profiling or interference via threats of deportation. To allow such would be a foreclosure upon their future contributions to our society.
- Public schools are institutions of learning and are not collection points therefore public schools should not be placed in the position of determining the legal status of immigrant children nor be required to enforce immigration laws. Furthermore, school districts should not voluntarily report undocumented students to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other immigration authorities because such actions may constitute a denial of access to education under *Plyler*. The Immigration and Naturalization Service is the federal agency with jurisdiction over federal immigration policy and should bear full responsibility for enforcing that policy.
- Schools should be defined in statute as “sensitive locations” and Immigration and ICE officers and agents are to refrain from enforcement actions against students in schools including preschools, primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities, and other institutions of learning, such as vocational and trade schools.
- National PTA supports the confidentiality of school records, including records that pertain to the immigration status of children. Unrestricted access to school records to determine such status can pose a threat of unintended consequences due to any materials in a student’s file that may be inaccurate.
National PTA Position on Gun Safety and Violence Prevention

- National PTA supports the maintenance of official school records, electronic or otherwise, to the extent required by the state and school district for educational purposes only.

- The federal child nutrition programs, including school meals, offer all children regardless of immigration status an important benefit that fights hunger and enhances children's physical, academic, and emotional growth.

- Federal, state, and local entities have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of children by offering health care and other social services needed in their areas. Denying these services to children, regardless of their citizenship status, endangers communities and creates serious health and social concerns.

Adopted: by the 1996 Board of Directors
Amended: by the 2017 Board of Directors
GUN SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Given National PTA’s history of advocacy for the safety of children and youth, National PTA supports federal efforts to protect children and youth from gun violence. National PTA also advocates restricting access to guns from persons who may endanger public safety.

School safety is a critical priority for all parents, educators, students and community members that cannot be taken for granted. We must make every attempt to reduce violence, especially incidents that involve firearms. National PTA recognizes the importance of parent involvement in the decision-making process in the development and implementation of school safety policies, including crisis response plans.

National PTA recognizes the importance of a safe learning environment in attaining the highest level of student learning and achievement. National PTA believes the most effective day-to-day school climate to be gun-free, but defers to local collaborative decision-making to allow for the presence of law enforcement deployed in community-oriented policing.

Examples of ways to improve youth safety and to restrict guns to only responsible owners include advocating for the following:

- gun safety locks and other safety devices to prevent young children from accidentally discharging a gun
- alternative educational settings for youth who have brought a firearm to school, along with appropriate evaluation and counseling
- restrict Internet gun sales, including kits that can be used to make/modify guns
- enforce federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases
- raise the minimum age to 21 to be allowed to buy a handgun from non-licensed dealers
- allow at least three business days to conduct background checks
- require non-licensed dealers to conduct background checks and fill out proper paperwork so that guns can be traced
- increase penalties for the transfer of handguns or semiautomatic assault weapons to juveniles for use in a crime
- revoke the license of dealers who knowingly sell to minors
- establish education programs to teach students, parents, and community members about gun safety and violence prevention
- prevent juveniles who commit violent crimes from buying guns as adults
AZ PTA Regional Directors and Field Service members spent Saturday training on how to serve and lead their corresponding regions!
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Visit www.azpta.org to locate your RD or Field Services Representative!
Health & Safety

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For more information on AZPTA's health and safety committee contact NReyes@azpta.org

https://azsba.org/asba-connect-8-7-19/#policy
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For more information about Reflections contact Arts in Education Chair Krystal Valenzuela at arts@azpta.org

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Active Grants & Awards
1. Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop Grant
2. SmartTalk Conversation Grant
3. Take Your Family to School Week Grant
4. Healthy Hydration Grant
5. STEM + Families Science Festival Grant
6. STEM + Families Math Night Grant
7. Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award
8. PTA Life Achievement Award

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Top Grant Writing Tips

1. Know What Grants Exist and When to Apply. Sign up for National PTA’s newsletters at PTA.org/Sign Up and bookmark our grants page at PTA.org/Grants.
2. Tell a Compelling Story. Make sure all your answers work together to highlight your PTA’s strengths.
3. Share How the Grant Would Impact Your School Community. Identify an existing need in your school community and explain how the grant will address that need.
4. Show Your Enthusiasm. Explain how the grant will provide an exciting opportunity for your school and PTA.
5. Answer All Parts of the Question. Include concrete, detailed examples and explanations that expressly answer the questions asked.
6. Promote Family Engagement. Demonstrate how this grant will help you build stronger families in your community and encourage all families to attend your event.
7. Get a Second Set of Eyes. Ask someone to proofread your work for spelling, grammar and clarity before submitting the application.

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If there’s anything we know about in Arizona, it’s the importance of staying hydrated!

Especially in the summer heat 25 local PTAs will receive $1,000 from NPTA’s Healthy Hydration Grant! Grant winners will have a fun and innovative #ChooseWater Healthy Hydration Program sponsored by @NestleWatersNA & @NestlePureLife

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