

# MYTHS VS TRUTHS

# 10 PTA® MEMBERSHIP MYTHS AND TRUTHS

**MYTH:** PTA membership is only for moms.

**TRUTH:** PTA is for everyone! Parents, guardians, students, teachers, grandparents, administrators, school board members, aunts, uncles, community members etc.

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**MYTH:** Joining PTA requires you to volunteer.

**TRUTH:** If you want to volunteer, that's great, but your support as a member is enough.

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**MYTH:** You must have a child at the school in order to join that PTA.

**TRUTH:** PTA membership is open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission, purposes and principles of PTA.

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**MYTH:** You can only join PTA in-person at an event or at the school.

**TRUTH:** Many PTAs now offer an online option to make it quick and easy for people to join.

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**MYTH:** I do not need to join PTA this year, my child is remote or hybrid learning.

**TRUTH:** You do still need to join because just like schools, PTAs are moving to a virtual space and continuing to connect families, teachers and administrators and supporting critical school needs.

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**MYTH:** PTA membership never expires.

**TRUTH:** You need to join every year. Even though membership generally runs annually July – June, you can join anytime during the year.

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**MYTH:** You can only be a member of one PTA.

**TRUTH:** There is no limit to the number of PTAs or PTSAs you can support.

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**MYTH:** I do not need to join PTA now that my child is in high school.

**TRUTH:** Students who attend a high school with a PTA or PTSA are more likely to graduate. And the more members in the PTA/PTSA, the higher the overall graduation rates.

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**MYTH:** PTA is only a social club.

**TRUTH:** PTA is a membership-based advocacy association. Local PTAs build community between schools and families. Join to have your voice heard!

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**MYTH:** I can only join a PTA at the beginning of the school year.

**TRUTH:** You can join a PTA anytime!

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## BONUS

**MYTH:**

All PTA activities must happen at a school or on campus.

**TRUTH:**

PTAs can host their meetings, events, programs, etc. anywhere! For example: libraries, community centers, recreation centers, outside, virtually, etc.