

PTA Mission - To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

National Standards *for* **FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships set the bar for how schools and parent organizations should work together to support student success. We know that families are essential partners to providing a high-quality education for every student. Decades of research shows that family engagement matters for student success, students whose families are engaged are more likely to attend school, avoid discipline problems, achieve at higher levels and graduate. Family engagement also helps schools, research suggests it is equally as important as school leadership or a rigorous curriculum to predict school improvement. The third standard we will be discussing is Speak Up for Every Child.

STANDARD 3: SPEAK UP FOR EVERY CHILD

The school affirms family and student expertise and advocacy so that all students are treated fairly and have access to relationships and opportunities that will support their success.

Goal 1: Navigate the School System: Are families knowledgeable and able to raise questions or concerns about their child's educational experience?

School & PTA indicators:

- ↳ Build school staffs' skills to build trust and problem-solve with students and families
- ↳ Make it easy to understand how the school and district operate
- ↳ Comply with families' rights under federal and state laws
- ↳ Connect families to resources that address their questions or concerns
- ↳ Make school staff and families aware of conflict resolution processes and apply them fairly

Goal 2: Address inequitable outcomes and access. Does the school and PTA remove barriers for families to be advocates for and with students'—particularly those who are most marginalized?

School & PTA indicators:

- ↳ Encourage community and leadership among historically under-represented groups
- ↳ Share understandable, disaggregated data on school progress and practices
- ↳ Recognize and work to eliminate bias in family engagement practices and policies



National Volunteer Month



April is National Volunteer Month—a perfect time for Missouri PTA local units to recognize and celebrate the incredible volunteers who keep everything running strong. Whether it's a simple thank-you, a shoutout in your meetings or social media, or a small appreciation event, taking the time to highlight your volunteers can go a long way in boosting morale and strengthening your community. Consider sharing volunteer stories, giving out fun awards, or hosting a casual get-together to show your appreciation. A little recognition makes a big impact—let's make sure our volunteers feel valued for all they do!

You can also share your successes with us here at CONTACT by submitting pictures and stories to office1@mopta.org.



MORE INFORMATION



CONGRATULATIONS
to all newly elected
2026–2027 PTA
officers! Don't forget
to submit all
information by **March**
31st.

**DON'T
FORGET!**

SAVE THE DATE

Join us **April 8th** from 12–1pm CT for the 1st
of 3 webinars: **Improving what Kids Eat
at School.**

The Chef Ann Foundation is hosting a three-part live webinar series featuring people who are making a real difference in improving what kids eat at school, including policy architects, kitchen leaders, food system visionaries and parent advocates.



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2026 National PTA Convention

Pittsburgh, PA
June 18-20, 2026



March 31st is the final day to get the early bird rate for the 2026 National PTA Convention June 18-20 in Pittsburgh. Sharpen your skills, build lasting connections and become inspired by noteworthy speakers, including keynote speaker Al Roker! [Learn more and register.](#)

Calling All Young Artists!

Leave your mark on the 2026 National PTA Convention by entering a design for the official convention t-shirt. Submit designs by March 23 for the chance to win prizes, gain national recognition and have your artwork featured on the convention t-shirt. Learn more at PTA.org/ShirtContest.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

April 8 - Missouri PTA Open Office Hour
7-8PM

April 20 - Legislative Roundtable 6-7PM

April 29 - All Units Roundtable 6-7 PM

Check out our website [calendar](#) to Register for these events.

Join the MOPTA Dream Team!

We're Looking for a Student Involvement Chair!

Looking to get more involved, build your leadership skills, and make a real impact? Missouri PTA is looking for a **Student Involvement Chair** to join the team! In this role, you'll help plan and organize student-focused events, connect with students to boost participation, and collaborate with others to come up with fun, creative ideas that make MOPTA more engaging for everyone. We're looking for someone who's friendly, motivated, and a team player, with solid communication skills and a willingness to stay organized (or at least try!). It's a great opportunity to gain leadership experience, build your resume, and meet new people while helping shape the student experience.



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It's time to celebrate!

Over 300 attendees

245 Congressional meetings

Represented 47 states, U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, D.C. and our military students overseas via DoDEA schools!

Let's celebrate how impactful our 2026 Hill Day was!



Keep sending in your photos and celebrate with us!