

The Chippewa PTA Vision is simple: *Making every child's potential a reality.*

The National PTA Mission Statement

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

The Chippewa PTA Mission Statement:

- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.
- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship

PTA Values:

1. **Collaboration:** We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.
2. **Commitment:** We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.
3. **Accountability:** We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.
4. **Respect:** We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.
5. **Inclusivity:** We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.
6. **Integrity:** We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

Commonly Asked Questions about the PTA:

Why should I join the PTA?

Being a member of PTA can provide you with the opportunity to discuss ideas in a public forums, and a chance to meet with others to share or discuss concerns about our school. PTA allows us to speak for ALL children in ALL parts of the state and nation as one voice. PTA work is directed to anything involving the lives of children--school, home, community, family or peers. We care what influences and molds children's attitudes and behavior.

Being a member of the Chippewa PTA gives you a voice in your child's school.

What does the PTA do for my children?

PTA provides parents and teachers with a way to share their experience and knowledge about children. PTA members support public education and work to improve children's health and safety. PTAs speak on behalf of children--who can't effect change for themselves--at local, state and national government levels. PTA encourages parent involvement.

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The PTA organizes and manages a number of events that the children benefit from each year such as the Annual Halloween Extravaganza, Holiday Shopping Boutiques, Book Fairs to name a few.

How much does it cost to join the PTA?

A membership to the Chippewa PTA (dues) costs \$6.50 for a single membership or \$12.00 for a family membership. PTA dues along with other fundraising events are used to help offset the costs that parents would normally have to bear. The PTA provides funds for the agenda books, crayons for kindergarten orientation, flowers for winter/spring concerts, gifts for retiring teachers, 3rd grade recorders, field trip assistance and more. The funds raised also go towards National and State Dues, PTA Counsel dues, Liability and Bonding Insurance, Directors and Officers Insurance.

I am a full-time working parent. Can I see be a member of the PTA?

Yes! All parents are welcome to join the PTA. In fact, many of the PTA Board members are full-time working parents.

I cannot volunteer my time during the day. Can I still join the PTA?

Of course you can. PTA membership alone can help your children's school programs.

The PTA is always looking for members who want to help- regardless of daytime availability. There are many evening programs that need volunteers as well as many programs that work together during evening hours.

I am a dad. Is the PTA just for women?

NO! There are many fathers involved in the Chippewa PTA.

The PTA is not for moms alone.

I am new to the area. Can I join the PTA or do I have to wait until September?

We welcome new members throughout the year. It is never too late to become a member of the Chippewa PTA. Just fill out our membership form and send the form and payment to school with your child in an envelope marked "PTA Membership".

You will then receive your membership card in the mail.

I had an idea for a new program or fund raiser. What do I do next?

The PTA loves to hear new ideas from the members. Just e-mail the PTA president (hyperlink the e-mail) or come to a meeting. Introduce yourself to a Board Member. Let us hear your idea.

If you have any questions about the Chippewa PTA feel free to attend one of our meetings or contact any member of the PTA Board (link Contact List)