



The Structure of PTA/PTSA

Local Unit

1. Operates as a self-governing body and is chartered by the state.
2. Plans programs and activities to meet community needs.
3. Works at school site, at home and in the community for all children.
4. Serves as the local organization through which the National and New Mexico PTA objectives are met.

Region/District

1. A geographical division of the New Mexico PTA.
2. Includes all units within the region.
3. Promotes the work of the New Mexico PTA and the National PTA.
4. Channels information between the New Mexico PTA, units, and councils.
5. Provides leadership development conferences and informational updates at state convention.

New Mexico PTA

1. A state level congress of the National PTA.
2. Includes all who join local unit PTAs within the state.
3. Charters local units.
4. Cooperates with other groups and organizations working for youth.
5. Maintains a core group of legislative advocates at the state level.
6. Holds an annual convention.
7. Implements policies, programs, and projects that are statewide in scope.
8. Provides workshops, field services, and leadership development.
9. Develops and distributes resource materials and publications.
10. **Represented on the National PTA Board by the New Mexico PTA president.**

National PTA

1. Includes all who join local unit PTAs nation-wide.
2. Establishes basic policies.
3. Develops and funds projects that are national in scope.
4. Maintains a core group of legislative advocates at the federal level.
5. Provides field services and leadership development.
6. Develops and provides resource material and publications.
7. Holds an annual convention.

Each level has been established for the purpose of forming a nationwide movement to advocate the need to support and speak out on behalf of children and youth in schools, in the community, before governmental agencies, and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.