

PTA Membership Frequently Asked Questions

What does “PTA” mean?

PTA is the acronym for Parent Teacher Association.

Why should I join PTA?

By joining PTA you are supporting and becoming part of an organization that

- Raises funds for and coordinates support for teachers and school programs
- Provides a forum for family-school communication
- Hosts events for school community building.

Your membership lends additional weight to advocacy efforts carried out by PTA at the local, state, and national levels. The higher the number of members, the more the decision makers listen to PTA representatives advocating for schools and students.

Membership allows you to vote in PTA elections, and to serve on the board. And membership also includes a Plaza Vista School Directory (like a school phone book).

We hope your membership will also help you feel more invested and involved in Plaza Vista and the school community, and that it will be a way to get to know other Plaza Vista families and communicate better with school staff.

How much does it cost to join PTA?

Membership dues are \$12 for one membership (includes one school directory), \$18 for a dual membership (two people in one household, includes one school directory).

What are my dues used for?

About \$4.25 per member is used for local and national dues.

About \$4 is used to pay for printing of the directory included in the membership.

The remaining dues (\$3-4 of an individual membership) are used to help fund school programs.

Do I have to make a donation to the Pledge Drive to join PTA?

No. The Pledge Drive form includes the option to join PTA, but donating is not required to join PTA.

Do I have to be a PTA member to attend PTA meetings?

No you do not have to be a member to attend meetings. You are welcome to come! However, non-members may not vote, nor may they serve on the board.

Do I have to go to PTA meetings or volunteer at PTA events if I join?

No. You are under no obligation to attend meetings or volunteer.

If you have additional questions, please contact Plaza Vista PTA President Parisa Shahabi at ptaplazavista@yahoo.com