



Department of Family & Community Engagement

Types of Parent Organizations

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Not part of a national network and no requirement to pay dues to a national office ❖ Can focus on specific issues that relate to your community and school ❖ Provide various volunteer opportunities to support the school and students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Not part of a national network and no requirement to pay dues to a national office ❖ Can focus on specific issues that relate to your community and school ❖ Students are permitted/encouraged to hold leadership roles within the organization
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Booster Clubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Part of a national network ❖ Local PTAs pay dues to a national office and may join a national initiative while also advocating for your school ❖ Has a broader mission of advocating for children that utilizes state and nationwide networks ❖ Local PTAs tap into this network where they have access to numerous resources and partnerships that focus not only on their own local school but also on larger public policy issues that affect children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Not part of a national network and no requirement to pay dues to a national office ❖ An organized volunteer group of parents, adult community members, and/or staff authorized by the District ❖ Provide fundraising and other services in support of your school-recognized club, sports team, band, or organization
Parents (Partners) in Education (PIE)	Parent Leadership Council (PLC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Not part of a national network and no requirement to pay dues to a national office ❖ Can focus on specific issues that relate to your community and school ❖ Provide various volunteer opportunities to support the school and students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Promote out of school time learning and encourage parents to be involved and support learning at home with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions. Strategies may include, but are not limited to training on state content standards and assessments ❖ Seek out and coordinate resources and services from the community for families and students

Parent Organization Options

Option 1: If your parent organization will raise money for your school

First year parent organization requirements

- Proof of current Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation or
- Proof of charitable foundation status (501C3) or
- Proof of current subordinate membership with a charitable foundation (501C3)
- Must complete online registration and be approved by the SCS District

***** As a subordinate member, a group is considered a foundation or fund under the parent organization's name for a designated fee and has the benefit of utilizing the parent organization's 501(c)(3) charitable donation status and exemption from TN sales tax**

Examples:

SchoolSeed - <http://www.schoolseed.org/>

Tennessee PTA <http://www.tnpta.org/>

Returning parent organization requirements

- Proof of current Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation or
- Proof of charitable foundation status (501C3) or
- Proof of current subordinate membership with a charitable foundation (501C3)
- Meeting minutes from last school year (1st, mid-year, & last meeting)
- Statement of total revenues & disbursements from previous school year
- Must complete online registration and be approved by the SCS District

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Option 2: If your parent organization will not raise money for your school

- Must complete online registration