

**Shelby County Board of Education**

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**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)  
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)**

**I. PURPOSE**

To recognize and support the contributions of the PTA and PTSA; and to define the relationship between the Shelby County Schools and parent support groups.

**II. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all PTAs and PTSAs in the District.

**III. POLICY STATEMENT**

Studies have consistently shown that parental involvement in education of their children provides numerous benefits. The Shelby County Board of Education supports parent involvement in each school and each school shall have a parent-led parent organization. To facilitate parental and community involvement, each school is encouraged to have a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) that is chartered by the National PTA Congress and the Tennessee PTA Congress.

The Board encourages school staff to join their local PTA/PTSA chapter. School administration, faculty, and staff are encouraged to foster a mutually productive relationship with the local PTA organization with each respecting the appropriate roles of the other in the joint mission of student achievement and student welfare.

***The National PTA Congress stated mission is:***

***The Mission of the PTA***

- o *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*

*The Purpose of the PTA*

- *To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.*
- *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.*

**IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Parents/guardians are responsible for pursuing opportunities in the school, home environment and community that support their children’s education and ensure that their children meet academic standards.
- B. Principals are responsible for creating welcoming school environments for PTAs/PTSAs.
- C. The office responsible for academic operations is responsible for implementing this policy.
- D. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed.

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**Legal References:**

- 1. TCA49-2-305
- 2. Tennessee State Board of Education Policy No. 4.207  
(Standards for Family-School Partnerships)

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**Cross References:**

- 1. 7009 Standards for Family-School Partnerships