

# LEADERSHIP TRAITS

Successful leaders are effective leaders. Their skills and abilities allow them to step into a variety of roles, and they see the value people have to offer and seek their involvement. They provide a clear purpose that others want to follow. They lead with integrity and strive to continually improve. As President, you are a leader.

The following are competencies effective leaders demonstrate and use to make every child's potential a reality.

- **Self-Awareness** – Has the ability to assess their own strengths and weaknesses
- **Vision** – Demonstrates a clear understanding of the future and how to get there
- **Relationship Building** – Develops trust and mutual respect, and values diversity
- **Critical Thinking** – Obtains all the relevant information, identifies problems and causes, evaluates information, and determines criteria that indicate solutions
- **Time & Resource Management** – Effectively prioritizes and manages resources to accomplish goals
- **Motivation** – Demonstrates and promotes interest and enthusiasm
- **Empathy** – Recognizes verbal and nonverbal feelings, needs, and concerns of others
- **Creativity** – Sees and thinks of innovative ideas, alternatives, and ways to do things
- **Communication** – Listens actively and conveys information clearly, concisely, and accurately in both writing and speech
- **Collaboration** – Works with a team to achieve a common purpose; puts service before self
- **Delegation** – Shares responsibilities including guidance and follow up, fostering leadership in others
- **Continuous Learning** – Pursues development of skills and knowledge
- **Integrity** – Does the right thing when no one is watching
- **Initiative** – Steps up unprompted, going above and beyond with excellence

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING BY LAPTA AND NATIONAL PTA

All elected officers for Local PTA Units shall complete annual PTA Leadership Training. Proof of training is required for the Active Affiliation Packet. Other Board members are encouraged to receive training. Board members should understand the other positions and roles within the Board. Sources for training are:

- 1) **LAPTA Leadership Training Days:** In-person training is offered in southern Louisiana on August 20, 2022, and in northern Louisiana on August 27, 2022. Local units will receive registration information from LAPTA. Please make sure the new officers' information is submitted to LAPTA as soon as they are elected. LAPTA also offers one-in-one training as needed. Email [President@LouisianaPTA.org](mailto:President@LouisianaPTA.org).
- 2) **LAPTA Individualized Training:** Contact Kayla Pagel at [President@LouisianaPTA.org](mailto:President@LouisianaPTA.org) to schedule a meeting.