

INCLUSION AS A VERB

ACTIONS ALL UNITS CAN TAKE TO ENGAGE, INCLUDE, AND SUPPORT ALL FAMILIES

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Questions
Concerns
Comments
Jokes



PUT THEM IN THE
CHAT



What happens to an
illegally parked frog?

... It gets toad away.



Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Who.

Who who?

**I didn't know you
were an owl!**

@weareteachers

PTA MISSION

**OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE EVERY CHILD'S POTENTIAL
A REALITY BY ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITIES TO ADVOCATE FOR ALL CHILDREN.**





INCLUSION

in·clu·sion, noun

/IN'KLŌŌZH(ə)N, ING'KLŌŌZH(ə)N/

THE ACT OR PRACTICE OF INCLUDING AND ACCOMMODATING PEOPLE WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN EXCLUDED (BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY, OR ABILITY)





WHAT IS A SEPTA?

A Special Education PTA or SEPTA/SEPTSA is a unit organized for those interested in the issues of educating special needs and/or gifted and talented children. SEPTAs are designed to build strong partnerships amongst parents, teachers, administrators, existing PTAs and the community.

- Presents topics & information useful to all children
- Enhances community support
- Increases connection with faculty and staff
- Advocates for our most vulnerable learners
- Helps form supportive friendships.
- Shares local information/resources of importance

WHAT IF WE DON'T HAVE A SEPTA?

UNITS

- APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON
- COORDINATE WITH PPS
- OFFER WORKSHOPS
- ACCESSIBLE EVENTS & MEETINGS
- BE WELCOMING & OPEN

COUNCILS

- EXPAND ON UNIT INITIATIVES
- GIVE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS A SEAT AT THE TABLE
- COORDINATE DISTRICT-WIDE EVENTS

EXPAND YOUR REACH

LOCAL UNITS AND SEPTAS SUPPORT THE SAME COMMUNITY!

WORK TOGETHER AND

- SHARE MEETING/EVENT INFORMATION
- OFFER/ASK HOW TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE
- ATTEND EACH OTHERS MEETINGS & REPORT BACK
- JOIN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS

01. PRESCHOOL/
CPSE

02. PRIVATE
SCHOOLS

03. COMMUNITY
EVENTS AND
LIBRARIES

ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY

- PHYSICAL LOCATION
- TRANSLATIONS
- SCHEDULING
- CHILD CARE
- HOLIDAYS/DRO
- LANGUAGE/TERMINOLOGY

24-25 PTA MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR

INTERSECTIONALITY REFERS TO THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF SOCIAL CATEGORIES, SUCH AS RACE, GENDER, CLASS, SEXUALITY, AND ABILITY

**QUIET
ROOMS**
AT LARGE EVENTS

**RESOURCE
FAIR**

**EXPAND
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES**

**WHAT CAN YOU
DO?**

**UNSURE? ASK! CONDUCT A
SURVEY TO FIND OUT
COMMUNITY NEEDS!**

**PARENT/SIBLING
SUPPORT GROUPS**

**TRANSITION
GUIDANCE**

**BOOK
DONATIONS/
CLUB**

SOCIAL MEDIA

FIND & SHARE RESOURCES

- FACEBOOK GROUPS
- PINTEREST
- INSTAGRAM
- OTHER LEADERS
- HASHTAGS

PTA LEADER FACEBOOK PAGES

- NATIONAL PTA LOCAL LEADERS
- NATIONAL PTA DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND OUTREACH HUB
- STATE OR HYPER LOCAL LEADERS PAGES

Don't Reinvent the Wheel,
Just Realign It.

Anthony J. D'Angelo





PTA RESOURCES

- [HTTPS://WWW.PTA.ORG/THE-CENTER-FOR-FAMILY-ENGAGEMENT](https://www.pta.org/the-center-for-family-engagement)
- NATIONAL PTA WEBSITE: ADVOCACY, EVENTS & PROGRAMS
- FIND INFORMATION ON DEI & PTA UNDER “RUN YOUR PTA”
- FIND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION TOOLKIT UNDER “FAMILY RESOURCES”

REASONS TO JOIN BOTH YOUR DISTRICT SEPTA & YOUR SCHOOL'S PTA

- 1 SEPTA IS A DISTRICT-WIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA**
The primary role of SEPTA is to provide parents, teachers and children who qualify for or receive special education services with the support and resources that help every child achieve their highest potential.
- 2 WHAT ARE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?**
Services may include an IEP, 504 Plan, resource room, counseling, speech, occupational or physical therapy, as well as services for gifted and talented students.
- 3 SEPTA PROMOTES GREATER AWARENESS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT**
SEPTAs sponsor workshops and speakers on topics to help better advocate for exceptional children and topics that can help parents better understand aspects of special needs and many diagnoses. SEPTAs may also sponsor awards or scholarships to qualifying students within their district.
- 4 SEPTA PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK**
SEPTAs bring together families and caregivers of students who attend different schools under one district PTA umbrella to influence special needs initiatives in your district and grow a support network for your child and yourself outside of school.
- 5 DO I NEED TO JOIN MY CHILD'S SCHOOL'S PTA IF I'M A SEPTA MEMBER?**
Everyone should be a member of both. Joining your child's school PTA allows you the opportunity to participate in your child's PTA sponsored events in an inclusive environment, all while still having a format for special support and opportunities that fit your child's needs.

PTA YOUR WAY
JOIN TODAY

VISIT THE NYS PTA WEBSITE FOR EXAMPLES OF SEPTA SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIP FLYERS

SEPTA

CAN I BE A SEPTA MEMBER? ...OF COURSE!

SEPTA MEMBERS ARE:

- Anyone interested in the welfare of children with special needs
- Parents, family members, teachers, school staff, students, friends
- Membership is open to ALL!

Scan the QR Code to Join! | #WhyPTA #NYSSEPTA



THANK YOU!

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