Getting Organized: PTA Officers

A description of PTA Officer roles and responsibilities will be found in your bylaws. The following is a general description of common roles and responsibilities of local PTA officers.

Action Step: Check your PTA's bylaws for a list of your officers and description of their roles.

PTA President

Your PTA members look to you for leadership in creating partnerships within your community and fostering an environment where family engagement is encouraged and respected. Responsibilities include:

- Chairing Board and general meetings;
- Overseeing fiscal compliance;
- Serving as a liaison with school administration or community partners;
- Checking in regularly with officers and committees to ensure the overall plan is on target;
- Identifying challenges and inviting solutions;
- Familiarizing yourself with all PTA programs and resources;
- Representing PTA to the community;
- Recruiting and mentoring volunteers and future leaders; and
- Volunteering at events, when available.

Great presidents often have leadership, planning, and public speaking skills and experience.

Vice President

You may be called upon at any time to assume the role of president, temporarily or until the position is filled in accordance with your bylaws. Responsibilities include:

- Implementing duties delegated by the president
- Representing the president in his or her absence
- Performing specific duties as provided for in the bylaws
- Familiarizing yourself with all PTA programs and resources
- Preparing for leadership by attending additional trainings and events that may be offered by your council, region, state or National PTA

Dig Deeper:

- Local PTA President eLearning Course
- Local PTA Treasurer eLearning Course
- Local PTA Secretary eLearning Course
- PTA Board Basics eLearning Course

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