



National PTA Policy Statements

National PTA supports the following concepts:

- Agencies with responsibilities for education, health, or welfare services to children and youth must have:
 - Clearly defined responsibilities.
 - Provisions for adequate funding and structure to meet effectively legislative intent.
 - Provision for review of implementing regulations by Congress and interested citizens.
- All federal legislation concerned with education and child welfare must include provisions that ensure maximum state and local control.
- All federal funds for education, health, and welfare services for children and youth must be channeled through appropriate state or local governmental boards or agencies.
- Federal and state support of services for children should ensure equalization of opportunities.
- The constitutional rights of the individual must be protected.

Education Policies

National PTA supports federal legislation toward the following goals:

- To ensure that federal funds for education will be appropriated only for public schools that are publicly controlled and tax-supported.
- To provide for adequate financial assistance for education beyond high school in publicly controlled, tax-supported institutions.
- To encourage and assist school districts to meet the needs of special populations.
- To assist in the provisions of supplementary and supportive public school and community service on an equitable basis.
- To permit existing school wide support groups, which meet other legislative criteria, to function as federally mandated school councils.
- To encourage parent involvement, an essential part of the PTA mission, by promoting an environment in which parents are valued as primary influences in their children's lives and essential partners in their children's education and development.

Health and Welfare Policies

National PTA supports federal legislation toward the following goals:

- To assist states in providing necessary public health and welfare services for children, youth, and families.
- To extend and support research focusing on the needs of children and families.
- To provide regulation of manufacture, advertising, or sales of products hazardous to children and youth.
- To develop programs of juvenile protection to strengthen local and state programs of prevention, control, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- To protect the ecological and environmental qualities of life necessary to the development of healthy and productive youth.
- To provide for consumer protection for youth and families.

Policies Regarding Special National Concerns

National PTA supports federal legislation toward the following goals:

- To support the preparation of youth for their responsible contribution to a strong national defense program consistent with their educational needs.
- To support diligent efforts for international cooperation and world peace.

- To provide adequate funding for school and community services to children in areas under federal government control.
- To protect copyright benefits by means that will not impede education.

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