

Membership Form

Please fill out the Membership Form and submit a check for \$25 payable to SCPTA Advocacy Unit to the SCPTA office, 1826 Henderson Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

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SC Parent Teacher Association

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Membership Perks

- ◆ Membership in both the state and national PTA.
- ◆ A yearly subscription to the SCPTA bulletin.
- ◆ Access to the latest publications and resources of the state and national PTA through www.pta.org
- ◆ Up-to-date information on critical educational issues affecting children via email and social media
- ◆ Voting privileges at the SCPTA and National PTA meetings and conferences as prescribed in the by-laws
- ◆ Influence on legislative issues affecting children at the local, state and federal levels
- ◆ Membership in the largest child advocacy organization in the world
- ◆ Free Registration for SC PTA's Annual Legislative Advocacy Conference

*Making every child's
potential a reality.*



**South Carolina
PTA Advocacy Unit**



A core purpose of PTA is to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. In keeping with SCPTA's mission and core purpose, fully funding public education is our legislative priority. According, the SC PTA has adopted a legislative platform to urge the General Assembly to support state funding of K-12 education at levels required by South Carolina law.

In South Carolina, the state government is required to ensure that every school system has sufficient funding to provide every child with the opportunity for free public school education, as defined by the South Carolina Constitution and state law. Local governments also provide funds, but the state is required to make sure the total amount of funding is adequate.

SC PTA encourages and supports initiatives at all levels of government—local, state and federal—to assure that every school system has sufficient funding to provide every child with an equal opportunity for access to a quality education. That includes sufficient funding for qualified teachers in all classrooms and skilled administrators in all schools.

By joining the SCPTA Advocacy Unit, you can be a part of our efforts to urge decision makers to fully fund state laws that support public education including, but not limited to, the Education Finance Act of 1977, teacher compensation, and the 2007 law requiring a 15-year school bus replacement cycle. For more information regarding SCPTA's current resolutions and legislative platform, please visit www.scpta.org

SC PTA Advocacy Unit

Why Join?

- ◆ Our elected officials make decisions that affect the ability of our public schools to provide a quality education for all students, and they want to hear from their constituents.
- ◆ These officials hear from many different interest groups. If they only hear from these groups and not public school parents and educators, it reduces the likelihood that what we want or need for our public schools will be a priority.
- ◆ 60% of funding to operate our public schools comes from state government. Our state legislators pass budgets and laws every year that directly impact our children and our public

Who can join SCPTA?

Anyone interested in advocating for public education can join SCPTA's Advocacy Unit.

Any individual, corporation, or non-profit organization in the community may join. We encourage community and state leaders, senior citizens, parents and educators to support South Carolina's children and schools by joining PTA.

How can I join SCPTA?

You may join by sending a check for \$25 payable to SCPTA Advocacy Unit to the SCPTA office, 1826 Henderson Street, Columbia, SC 29201. SCPTA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

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