

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION/PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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The PTA/PTSA is an independent organization having no connection whatsoever with the Board of Trustees. The trustees have no authority over the PTA/PTSA. The PTA/PTSA has no more or less rights and privileges before the Board of Trustees than any other individual or organization.

It is the general policy of the trustees to cooperate with the PTA/PTSA in actions which tend to support the philosophical aims of the district and the educational program in effect in the various district schools.

The trustees do not, however, wish to have individual acts of cooperation interpreted as blanket approval of all actions which may be, or have in the past been, instituted by local branches of the PTA/PTSA or the national headquarters of that organization.

The PTA/PTSA is one of the organizations mentioned in Section 40041 of the California Education Code as entitled to use school facilities as a civic center. This section gives governing boards authority to permit such use for purposes consistent with the intent of the law.

Blanket approval for use of school facilities shall not be granted to the PTA/PTSA. Instead, use of any school facility shall be granted for a specific purpose at a specific time and place.

Employees of the district shall cooperate with members of the PTA/PTSA to the same extent that they would cooperate with any organization or citizen authorized under the law to use school facilities.

The existence of any active PTA/PTSA at a school is usually beneficial to both the school administration and the pupils. However, the trustees recognize that other types of organizations, including booster clubs, serve the same general purpose at some schools in the district and nothing in this statement of policy should be construed to mean that school administrators are obligated to favor the PTA/PTSA to the exclusion of any other worthwhile organization which may be interested in supporting the educational or athletic programs at the school.

Legal References: Education Code

- 40041 Civic Centers at Public Schools
- 40043 Grant of Use (of Facilities)

Board of Trustees

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