



10 Myths about Joining the PTA

***#1*** **Only moms and teachers need to join the PTA.**

A strong PTA needs the support of parents, family members, teachers, staff and community members. *Anyone who cares about children’s education belongs in PTA.*

***#2* Joining the PTA means I have to volunteer.**

We appreciate everyone’s membership, whether you volunteer or not is up to you. *You will not be sucked into a black hole of volunteering!*

***#3* The membership fee does not go towards anything.**

Part of the $6 fee goes towards National and State PTA who advocate for all children and the rest of the fee goes towards the many events that Wood Road PTA sponsors. *The dues and any other donations received help continue the strong commitment we have to the school.*

***#4* PTA membership never expires. I only have to join once.**

Each new school year begins a new PTA membership year.*Your PTA membership will be good for the entire current school year.*

***#5* You do not have the time to join PTA.**

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider becoming a member and give your financial support. *You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your support helps fund events and activities for the children throughout the school year!*

***#6* I’ll get roped into volunteering if I attend a PTA meeting.**

There will be opportunities to get involved but no pressure. Attending any of the 5 meetings a year is not mandatory for members, *but much appreciated and you get the chance to vote on important topics.*

***#7* The PTA is only for stay-at-home parents with nothing else to do.**

Your fellow PTA members are family and community members who want to support the students and school. *Most members are juggling 40 hour work week, bills, sports and homework just like you!*

***#8* My child’s life will be the same whether or not I join the PTA.**

Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and staff*, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in the education experience.*

***#9* PTA has all the help they need.**

The PTA always welcomes and needs volunteers. If you choose to volunteer, *you decide your commitment amount.*

***#10* I have an idea but the PTA isn’t interested.**

 New ideas are always welcomed. *It’s important to keep our PTA fresh and exciting for all.*