

KANSAS PTA FACT SHEET 2007-2008

MEMBERSHIP	Over 30,000 members in Kansas and 5.5 million members nationally. Members include parents, school administrators, students and other child advocates.	
PURPOSE	The KANSAS PTA is chartered under the National PTA and shares the same purposes. It is a volunteer organization seeking to unite home, school and community in promoting the education, health and safety of children, youth and families.	
HISTORY	The Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers was formed in 1914 when several branches of nationally chartered local PTA units from all over the state of Kansas came together in Topeka to form a state branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.	
OFFICERS (7/1/05-6/30/07)	President President-Elect Vice President of Advocacy Vice President of Extension Services Vice President of Member Services Secretary Treasurer	Jan Long, Salina Debbie Lawson, Lenexa Tammy Bartels, Tonganoxie Chris Akin, Shawnee Jackie Waters, Haysville Patty Jurich, Kansas City Sharon Rakos, Overland Park
	Kansas PTA has an all-volunteer state board of managers dedicated to serving all children and to providing materials, assistance, and services to local PTAs.	
OFFICE	The state office of the KANSAS PTA is located at 715 S.W. 10 th Street, Topeka, KS 66612. Phone: 785-234-5782 – Fax: 785-234-4170 – E-Mail: ks_office@pta.org The state office is staffed by one part-time employee. All other positions on the Kansas PTA Board of Managers and in all local units and councils are held by volunteers.	
PUBLICATIONS	THE KANSAS PTA BULLETIN is published six times a year and keeps units up-to-date on legislative activities, upcoming events, contest deadlines, and activities. It contains timely and informative articles written by members of the Kansas PTA Board of Managers from their field of expertise.	
WEBSITE	www.ptasonline.org/kspta	
CONVENTION/ TRAININGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KS PTA Legislative Training will be held in October in Topeka. Workshops will be held to inform PTA members about Advocacy issues and give them the tools to speak with their legislators. Speakers will present ideas of current interest to the attendees and answer questions of concern. • The KS PTA State Convention will be in Salina April 18-20, 2008. Delegates from all over the state will convene to conduct business and attend informative workshops on leadership training, current issues, and parenting skills, as well as hear enlightening keynote speakers. • Regional meetings will be hosted by Region VPs throughout the year to provide networking, training, information and guidance for officers, committee chairmen and members of local units and councils. 	
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM	COMMUNICATING VIEWS TO LEGISLATORS MEMBER-TO-MEMBER LEGISLATIVE NETWORK	
PTA OBSERVANCES	National Kids Day America Goes Back to School Child Health Month Month of the Young Adolescent National School Bus Safety Week Take Charge of Your TV Week American Education Week World Aids Day (December 1) National PTA Founders Day (February 17)	Music in Our Schools Month Read Across America National Inhalant and Poisons Awareness Week Kick Butts Day (Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids) National Mental Health Month National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week (first full week in May) National Teacher Day Earth Week National Red Ribbon Week

KANSAS PTA PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

The **KANSAS PTA** participates in the following programs and projects sponsored by the National PTA:

Parent/Family Involvement – Building Successful Partnerships

- Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification Program: The program is designed to help all schools in the nation assess their parent involvement practices, make improvements where needed, and earn one of two distinctions: 1) The Certification of Excellence, for schools that have outstanding parent involvement practices in place or 2) Recognition of Commitment, for schools that are committed to pursuing excellence in parent involvement.
- National PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs
- Building Successful Partnerships: A Guide for Developing Parent and Family Involvement Programs
- How To Help Your Child Succeed
- Reflections Program: An Arts Recognition and Achievement Program for Students. "I can make a difference by..." is the 2007-2008 theme.
- National PTA-Phoebe Apperson Hearst Excellence in Education Partnership Award
- Programs-to-Go

Safe and Nurturing Environments

- Building a Healthy Child
- Helping Children Cope with Tragedy
- Keeping Your Kids Drug Free: A How to Guide for Parents and Care Givers
- PTA Leaders Guide to Sex Education
- Respecting Differences Resource Guide
- Talking With Kids: A Parents Guide to Sex Education
- Common Sense: Strategies for Raising Alcohol – and Drug Free Children
- Kids Need a Future, Not a Funeral...Community Violence Prevention Kit
- National PTA Leader's Guide to Environmental Issues
- Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool Follow the Rules
- The Parent's Guide to the Information Superhighway
- Safeguarding Your Children
- Taking Charge of Your TV
- Tools to Use to Help You Choose
- View Smart to Vote Smart
- Violence, Kids, and Crisis – What You Can Do
- What to Tell Your Child About Prejudice and Discrimination

Support for Public Education

- The Next Step is Yours: National PTA's ESEA Implementation Guide

The following resources have been translated into Spanish

- The Family Nest Tip Sheet and Video
- Talk to Your Teens and Children About Aids
- Healthy Children, Successful Students
- Building a Healthy Child
- What to Tell Your Child About Prejudice and Discrimination
- Be Cool Follow the Rules – School Bus Safety Kit
- The Parents Guide to the Information Highway
- Talking With Kids: A Parent's Guide to Sex Education
- National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Quality Indicators
- How To Help Your Child Succeed
- Reflections Program Rules Packet

In addition, the **KANSAS PTA** sponsors:

- A Citizenship Essay and Poetry Contest for students of fifth through ninth grades in Kansas schools with a PTA unit that encourages children to think about good citizenship. The 2007-2008 theme is: "If I could change one thing about my government it would be. . ."
- Kansas PTA Outstanding Student: Recognizes and honors an outstanding student from the state of Kansas
- Kansas PTA Outstanding Educator: Recognizes and honors an outstanding educator from the state of Kansas
- Kansas PTA Virginia Peak Outstanding Leadership Award
- Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame: Recognizes educators, volunteers, and individuals who make a difference for children
- Fire Safety Education Award
- Future-Teacher Scholarships and Teacher-Graduate Study in Education Scholarships are awarded annually.