

COUNCIL PTAs

A Council PTA is a group of Local PTAs organized under the authority of Texas PTA for the purposes of support and training. Council PTAs also serve as a critical link between the Local, Texas and National PTAs.

Local PTA presidents, principals and selected delegates provide representation at the Council meetings. The voting body also includes the officers of the Council, the chairs of the standing committees and the superintendents of the school districts within the Council PTA's membership. Local PTAs must file a list of delegates and alternates with the Council secretary each year, no later than October 15. Council bylaws specify the number of delegates from each Local PTA.

PURPOSE

- To unify and strengthen Local PTAs comprising the Council PTA.
- To provide for the conference and cooperation of the Local PTAs/PTSAs in membership so as to create a public opinion favorable to the interests of child welfare; to encourage child welfare projects in the various Local PTAs; and to assist in the formation of new Local PTAs according to the plan of the Texas PTA.
- To promote the interests of the National PTA and of the Texas PTA within its territory that does not duplicate the work of Area or Local PTAs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION

In order for a group of Local PTAs to form a Council PTA, the following conditions are required:

- Have a minimum of five Local PTAs that are in membership with the Texas PTA;
- Have a combined membership in those five Local PTAs of at least 600 individual members; and
- Follow procedures for organizing a Council PTA as indicated and approved by the Texas PTA Board of Directors.

A new Local PTA organized within the boundaries of an existing Council is automatically a member of that Council PTA unless the Local PTA's membership votes to not belong to the Council. Local PTAs must submit Council dues annually to have voting privileges within the Council PTA. A Local PTA may be a member of only one Council PTA.

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

- **Independent School District Councils:** Local PTAs within the geographical boundaries of a given school district. (There shall be no more than one Council PTA within any ISD.)
- **City Councils:** Local PTAs within the geographical boundaries of a city, town or village.
- **County Councils:** Local PTAs within a given county which are not served by an existing ISD, City or Community Council of PTAs.
- **Community Councils:** Local PTAs (in a geographic area designated by the state president) that for convenience of administration, similarity of interests, or ease of transportation may require a Council PTA with boundaries other than ISD, city or county. A Community Council of PTAs may be composed of Local PTAs from two or more bordering school districts, cities or counties.