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# MEMBERSHIP MYTHS

## Knowledge is Power

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### Students **cannot** be members

When students become hands on with PTA, the learning opportunities are endless, and the impact is vital. Consider the student benefits of becoming a PTA member, especially at the middle and high school levels. What an exciting opportunity for students who were not able to be part of student council or for college bound students to proudly include their PTA membership on entry applications.

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### Only parents who have children **in the school** can be members

Our members are key advocates for ALL students', regardless if they have a child currently in school. The opportunities they provide are ongoing and ever evolving.

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### Once you leave a school you **cannot** be a member of that unit anymore

For many years our Alumni members have set the ground work for the success of a unit. Remember to thank those members by offering a continued stake in the unit.

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### Business memberships are for **everyone** who works in the business

Business membership support offers a positive sense of community. In addition to the individual membership originator, additional membership and voting opportunities for others within the business can be offered at a discount.

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### I can **only** become a member of a unit within my school district

Student advocacy is never limited within one's own community. The PTA mission knows no boundaries, and support for all students near and far is limitless.



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### Members entered in MemberHub but **not paid** for are members

If members are entered in MemberHub but the unit fails to pay the state for the State and National portion of the dues, the members will not count and are not officially members.

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### Units may **keep all** membership funds without paying the State & National dues as long as they use it for students

Most unit membership dues include a portion the unit keeps to help support programs in the school. However, the State and National portion of the dues (\$4 per member) must be paid to the state, and all members must be entered in MemberHub so they receive their Membership eCard.

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### Members can sign up for a **Family membership**

Additional family member support is encouraged with an "additional family member discount." Membership is given to individuals and can only represent one vote. Please refer to the unit Bylaws for fee structure.

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### If **two** members names are entered on one line they are **both** members

When membership applications and payments for two people with the same last name are received but entered on the same line, only the first name is a member. It is important that units follow the member's intention of possessing their own membership card. Again, membership is given to individuals and can only represent one vote.

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### Memberships **cannot** be sold after **May 31st**

Membership is year round! However, the current membership year ends on June 30. Memberships purchased after this date will count for the next school year.