

# PTA vs. PTO

## A Side-by-Side Comparison

	<u>PTA</u>	<u>PTO</u>
<b>Focus</b>	Advocate for education and well-being of children everywhere.	On school-parent relations and programs within school.
<b>Affiliation</b>	State and National PTA	Independent
<b>Tax-exempt Status</b>	501(c)(3)	501(c)(3)
<b>Organizational Structure</b>	National, State, Regional, District, Local levels of PTA .	Independent school organization.
<b>Membership</b>	Individual, not family, memberships; dues required of each member.	TBD, but can be structured to include all parents.
Dues	\$3.25 per member to State and National PTA; optional local portion.	Optional
Annual costs	Approx. \$1,300 sent to State and National PTA (\$3.25 x 400 members).	\$199 to PTO Today (necessary to purchase group insurance through PTO Today - Hauser PTA is already a PTO Today member)
Membership Trends	Declining	Increasing
<b>Legislation</b>	PTA is a political organization with focus on advocacy and lobbying.	None
<b>Insurance</b>	Offered by National PTA to members	Offered by PTO Today to members (Hauser PTA already purchases insurance from PTO Today)
<b>By-Laws</b>	Already in place. Based on State and National PTA standards, with minimal modifications allowed for local circumstances.	Must be drafted. Can be written to our specifications, but would likely be identical to current by-laws excepting references to the PTA.
<b>Legal costs to form the tax-exempt corporation</b>	None	Approximately \$1000 one-time cost.
<b>Training</b>	Officers training available.	No in-person training but materials are available for purchase.
<b>Resources</b>	Extensive resources (Website, magazine, printed material) available.	Extensive resources (website, magazine, printed material) available.
<b>Fundraising</b>	At local level	At local level
<b>Funding of Publications</b> (Calendar, Directory)	Through dues or price per item	Through dues or price per item
<b>Programs</b>	Determined at local level	Determined at local level
<b>Reflections program</b>	National PTA program.	Not available