

The West Orange Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are members of the Essex County PTA, New Jersey State PTA and National PTA. All of these organizations are dedicated to improving and expanding educational opportunities for children and public education by working with families, the community and businesses. Individual West Orange school PTAs join together to form the West Orange Council of PTAs, which serves as a forum for exchanging ideas and learning new leadership techniques and is a strong venue for advocacy. Most importantly, we collaborate with our Superintendent and Board of Education to maintain an open two-way dialogue regarding policy issues that impact the students within our district.

Each of the West Orange Public Schools is represented by a PTA unit. The mission of PTA:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.
- To assist parents in developing skills they need to raise and protect their children.
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation. PTA is first and foremost an advocacy group in all areas of our children's education. "Every Child, One Voice"

JOIN THE PTA at your child's school! A membership letter will go home from the school's PTA within the first few weeks of school in September. If you do not receive one, contact your school's office for a membership form and look for your School's PTA on Facebook and other social media outlets. There are many ways to get involved. Any contribution of time and resources that is comfortable to you will be deeply appreciated and will make a positive impact for our students. It is statistically proven that when parents are involved in their child's education, the child has a higher achievement level in school.

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