

Washington State PTA

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History of WSPTA Priority Legislative Issues

For over 100 years PTA has used legislative advocacy to further the objects of PTA to build a better world for children. The following is a list of PTA priority issues spanning the past two decades.

2008-10	Basic Education Funding; Strengthening Math and Science Curriculum and Education; Washington State Assessment System Improvements; Support State Board of Education CORE 24 Framework; Support Rational Approaches to Teacher Compensation	1997-98	Definition of Basic Education; Responsible State Budget; Registered Sex Offenders; Access to Weapons by Youth; Repeal of Levy/Bond Validation Requirements
2007-08	K-12 Education Funding; Math and Science Education; Quality Teaching; Student Support Services; Special Education Funding	1996-97	Defining and Funding Basic Education; Access to Weapons by Youth; Fiscal Growth Factor; Juvenile Justice Reform; Levy/Bond Election Reform
2006-07	K-12 Education Funding; Math and Science; Simple Majority; Reduce Class Sizes; School Recess	1995-96	Conflict Resolution and Anger Management; Juvenile Justice Reform; Levy/Bond Reform; Weapons in Schools; Fiscal Growth Factor
2005-06	K-12 Education Funding; Re-definition of Basic Education; Simple Majority; Multiple Measures; Math and Science	1994-95	Classroom Size; Gang Violence Prevention/Intervention; Classroom Aides; Levy/Bond Reform; Define Basic Education
2004-05	Simple Majority; Critical Support for Education Reform; Education Funding Study; K-12 School Facilities; Highly Capable Programs	1993-94	Gang Violence Intervention/Prevention; Reduce Class Size; Redefine Basic Education; Levy Election Reform; Tax Reform
2003-04	Children's Health Care Access; Simple Majority; Alternative Assessments; Tax System; Education Funding Study	1992-93	Children At-risk; Counseling K-12; Class Size; Outcome Based Education; Gang Violence Intervention/Prevention
2002-03	Protect I-728; Basic Education Act; State Tax Structure; Simple Majority, Prevention and Early Intervention Programs	1991-92	Class Size; Learning Assistance Programs for At-risk Students; Tax Reform; K-6 Counseling; Responsible Education Budget
2001-02	Anti-bullying; Protect I-728; Flexible Compensation for Teachers; Homeless Youth; Technology in Schools	1990-01	Responsive Education Budget; Children's Learning Assistance Program for At-risk Students; Self Esteem, Parenting Education Programs; Quality Education; Child Abuse
2000-01	Teacher Salaries; Safe Schools; Technology; Homeless Youth; Violence Prevention in Schools	1989-90	Quality Education; Common School Construction Fund; Tax Reform; Special Needs/At-risk children; Child Abuse
1999-00	Education Funding; Educational Issues; Violence Prevention; Early Childhood/Childcare; Graduated Drivers Licenses	1988-89	Quality Education; Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse; Elementary School Counseling; Tax Reform; Fully Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds
1998-99	Classroom Size; Define and Fund Basic Education; Levy/Bond Reform; Violence Prevention/Intervention; Access to Weapons	1987-88	Quality Education; Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse; Elementary School Counseling; Tax Reform; Fully Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds

Washington State PTA and National PTA - A Brief History **More than a Century of Speaking for Every Child with One Voice**

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National PTA

Child Passenger Restraint Systems	1897 National Congress of Mothers convened
Fair Start Program for Children with Special Needs	1900s Juvenile Justice and Child Labor Laws
Gang Prevention and Early Intervention	1920s Kindergarten as part of public school system
Education Reform Law creating a Performance Based K-12 system	1930s Nutrition and Emergency Services
Allowing 2,3 or 4 year Levies	1940s School Lunch Program
Intermediate Driver Licenses	1950s Salk Polio Vaccine Support
Anti-bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Policies required in all school districts	1960s Drug & Smoking Dangers
Protecting Minors from Internet Stalking	1970s TV Media Violence Prevention
School District Requirement for Nutrition Policies	1980s HIV/AIDs Awareness
Mental Health Parity	1990s Parents and Family Legislation
Elimination of Premiums for Children's Healthcare	2000s Parent Involvement/Building Successful Partnerships
Creation of the Office of the Education Ombudsman	
Simple Majority for School Levies and Bonds	
Passage of Education Reform Legislation which phases in a New Definition of Basic Education and New Funding Formulas	