

## What is County Council?

A PTA County Council is a group of local PTAs organized under the authority of the Florida PTA. Local PTAs join the council as a unit, not as individual members, and pay dues according to council bylaws. The council president is a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors. A County Council is the direct line of support and resource to the PTAs within its boundaries.

## How to Become Involved with PTA

Call your school to obtain information regarding local unit officers, membership, and PTA meetings.

Talk to the local unit officers and offer to volunteer. There is always a need and everyone has something to offer.

Dues are usually a small amount and most schools will give you information about the benefits of your dues.

Your payment of local PTA dues also supports state and national projects. You can provide input into these projects through your representation.

## 2011-12 Duval County Council Officers

**President**  
**Melissa Kicklighter**

**1st VP - Programs**  
**Kimberley Sheldon**

**2nd VP - Area Coordinators**  
**Mitzi Cavin**

**3rd VP - Committees**  
**Gretchen Lynch**

**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Terry Chrisley**

**Recording Secretary**  
**Rowena Nagales**

**Treasurer**  
**Mary Lobello**

The DCCPTA President can be contacted using the following e-mail address: [President@dccpta.org](mailto:President@dccpta.org).

## Membership & Dues

Membership to County Council is composed of two voting members: the President and the Delegate from each local unit that is in good standing with all appropriate dues paid and whose bylaws are current. All PTA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend County Council meetings. The Duval County Council Board of Managers is composed of dedicated and knowledgeable PTA representatives from around the County. Officers are elected annually. Dues for County Council are \$35 per unit, per year.

## Why PTA ?

PTA is the largest non-profit voluntary organization committed solely to children and youth.

PTA provides structure through bylaws custom designed by each local unit.

PTA has the guidance and support of various levels -- local, county, state and national.

PTA offers a wealth of resources and information to officers and committee chairs through regular electronic communication, material kits, handbooks, bulletins, program packets, videos, legislative dispatches, magazines, and leadership training.

PTA volunteers may serve as unpaid lobbyists on the state and national level. Delegates from local and county units vote at the Florida PTA Convention on issues that are then presented to the legislators. PTA also has representation on important committees at the county, state and national levels.

PTA has a well-deserved reputation as a parent educator providing parenting materials on a variety of topics including: safety, drug and alcohol awareness, child abuse, TV violence, bullying, health, and self-esteem.

In PTA, we have a unified purpose, a higher goal. All of us working together can make a tremendous difference...for all children and young people everywhere.

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## County Council's Involvement

Holds monthly meetings featuring programs with the latest education information, program ideas, excellent speakers, legislative updates and more.

Conducts Fall and Spring Leadership workshops and resource fairs to train local unit officers and committee chairs and connect them with valuable community and business resources.

Provides handbooks and regular communication via e-mail to all local unit presidents.

Assists local units with self-studies, audits, bylaw reviews, installation of officers and any other needs as requested.

Provides and maintains an informative website: [www.DCCPTA.org](http://www.DCCPTA.org)

Recognizes local unit achievements with awards at an annual Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon.

Encourages student leadership through a variety of activities for area high school students.

Sponsors college scholarships and scholarship housing through Southern Scholarship Foundation.

Encourages blood drive participation through local units.

Sponsors eye exams and/or eyeglasses for children whose parents are unable to provide these services.

Sponsors the Teacher Supply Depot by providing volunteers.

Coordinates local efforts for participation in the National Reflections Art Project.

Participates in State Leadership Convention to develop the annual legislative platform, then presents final platform to the legislators. Follows the platform and all issues regarding the welfare of children through the legislative session in Tallahassee.

Sits on many district and community committees, coalitions and task forces providing a parental voice. PTA motto= Every child, one voice.

## Purposes of PTA: Historical Goals of PTA

**The Purposes of the association, in common with the Purposes of the National PTA are:**

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

## PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA is to be...

- A powerful voice for all children
- A relevant resource for families and communities
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

## Duval County Council of PTAs 2011-2012



## Helping Hands, Embracing Hearts, Taking Action