

FAQs re Serving on the PTA Executive Committee

Question	Answer
What's the difference between being a PTA member and being on the PTA Executive Board?	PTA membership is open to all TUFSD parents and faculty. Paying annual membership dues contributes to the funding that the Tuckahoe PTA needs to operate and entitles members to various benefits. The PTA Executive Board is a group of elected volunteers who plan and implement the PTA's programs.
What does the PTA Executive Board do exactly?	PTA Executive Board members take on a two-year commitment to direct the efforts of their chosen committee. The Executive Board meets once-monthly (usually the third Tuesday at 7:30 pm) to share status reports and to weigh in on various school-related topics.
Who should serve on the PTA Executive Board?	You! The PTA depends on volunteers to enrich our schools' experiences for all district families. We always need new ideas and diverse representation.
I'm not sure I could manage the commitment, because...	
...I know everybody's busy, but I'm uber busy	We can help match you to a role that's manageable. Send us an email and explain your constraints.
...I'm not available during school hours	Some PTA events are held outside of school hours. Additionally, not all activities require that you attend in-person.
...There are certain times of year when I'm swamped	We can help match you to a good fit. While some PTA functions are pre-determined, others offer flexible options that the co-chairs can determine (with school administrator input).
...I can't commit to the monthly meetings	You don't need to attend every meeting. The PTA asks that at least one of the two co-chairs attends a given meeting. Occasionally, neither is available, and a brief written report is submitted instead.
...I'm afraid of taking on this responsibility and then not being able to follow through	Keep in mind the word committee. The tasks involved aren't meant to fall on a single person. You'll be paired up with a co-chair and can recruit others to help divvy the effort.

...My oldest child is only in kindergarten, so I don't know much about the district	PTA service is a great way to learn about the district, especially because discussion at monthly meetings pertains to grades K-12. Other people can help guide you through anything unfamiliar.
...It seems like a lot to take on	Most of the committees' efforts are scalable.
What if I think that some things should be done differently?	Great! As a committee co-chair, your opinion is of tremendous importance. Why would we want to keep doing something that could potentially be done in a better or newer way? We're not rigid. Bring on your ideas!

In summary:

- If you have a desire to be more involved in school events and programs, to better understand the opportunities available to all students in this district, and to connect with other families, the PTA Executive Board is for you!
- Most PTA Executive Board volunteers take on other committees after completing their first two-year term. Many members keep on hanging on because the experience is so fulfilling to them.
- There are many benefits to serving:
 - Your kids may very well be proud of your role
 - You'll have a say in the outcome of important school experiences
 - You'll make new friends on the Board
 - You'll learn a lot along the way