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Join your district SEPTA

AND YOUR SCHOOL'S PTA TOO!

What is SEPTA?

A SEPTA is a district-wide Special Education Parent Teacher Association and is part of New York State PTA and National PTA. "SEPTA" was designed to build strong partnerships among parents, teachers, administrators, existing PTA's and the community, for the benefit of families and children receiving special education services.

Who are SEPTA members?

- Anyone that has an interest in the welfare of children with special needs
- Parents, families, teachers, school administrators, students, friends
- Membership is open to all

What if we don't have a SEPTA?

If there is no parent organization in your school, in consultation with your school principal, you will want to determine if you should be a PTA or a SEPTA (or BOTH!). If there is a SEPTA serving schools in your district, we encourage you to join! For more information reach out to:

New York State PTA Special Education Specialist

specialeducation@nyspta.org

Is it the same thing? Absolutely not.

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SEPTA represents your district A PTA unit represents your school

Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is a district wide PTA whose primary role is to provide resources and support to parents, teachers, and children who receive special education services through an IEP, 504 Plan, related support services such as resource room, counseling, speech, occupational or physical therapy, and students who are twice exceptional or gifted.

SEPTA and PTA work together

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