

PTA and SAC – Working Together for Children

PTA supports the efforts of the legislature in creating a systematic approach to school improvement and educational accountability that actively seeks the input and support of parents, students and the community. In keeping with this position, Florida Statutes mandate that each school have a School Advisory Council (SAC) whose purpose is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. The SAC reviews the school's yearly progress and sets measurable goals for highest student achievement which are then reflected in the School Improvement Plan.

By law, each SAC must be composed of the principal and an “appropriately balanced” number of “stakeholders.” These individuals must be representative of the ethnic, racial and economic makeup of the community served by the school. SAC members represent various segments of the community -- parents, teachers, students, principal, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. **This requirement fits well with PTA since our mission and purpose center around parent and community involvement.**

Together we are Better!

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	School Advisory Council (SAC)
PTA is the largest non-profit, non-sectarian, all volunteer child advocacy organization in the county with over 6 million members in 23,000 local units.	Florida Statutes mandate that each school have its own School Advisory Council (SAC).
Works for the good of all children through local, state, and national advocacy efforts. Supports and speaks on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. In Pinellas Public Schools, PTA is also invited to bring their membership's position(s) to a variety of District committees including but not limited to: Code of Conduct, District Monitoring, Curriculum, and School Health Advisory.	Assists in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan. SAC has specific tasks to complete as they relate to the School Improvement Plan, commonly referred to as the SIP. The SIP is a plan to improve student achievement in a safe environment
PTA considers the yearly goals set by SAC when setting its yearly budget and fundraising goals. PTA offers programs that assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and encourages parent and public involvement in the public schools. PTA gathers support for initiatives through their membership.	SAC Assists the principal with the annual school budget, evaluates and approves the School Improvement Plan, (SIP), decides on how School Improvement Funds and School Recognition funds are spent. SAC may also have duties assigned by individual school boards. The SIP addresses budget, training, instructional materials, technology, staffing, student support services and other matters of resource allocation, including waivers as they relate to the School Improvement Plan.. The SIP also addresses specific school safety and discipline strategies, with measurable goals,
Membership is open to all. Members of local unit PTA are simultaneously members of County, State and National PTA organizations.	By law, each SAC must be composed of the principal and an “appropriately balanced” number of “stakeholders” that are elected by their peer groups.
All members in good standing, having paid yearly dues, may vote. Has ability to address education, health, safety, and welfare issues and concerns as brought to the table by their membership.	Only elected members, representing all stakeholders, may vote. SAC Meetings are open to the public and public participation. SAC must abide by FL Open Government statutes. (“Sunshine Laws”)
<i>Authority: Charters issued by the Florida PTA and National PTA</i>	<i>Authority: Florida State legislature and the school board</i>