



California State PTA LEGISLATION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 3-4, 2025



Riverside Council PTA Student Representative Guidelines and Requirements School Year 2024 to 2025

PURPOSES OF STUDENT REPRESENTATION

- ❖ Students bring a new perspective to PTA ideas and initiatives.
- ❖ The viewpoints and ideas of students are essential because all PTA programs focus on youth.
- ❖ Students and adults obtain a better understanding and appreciation of one another by working side by side on goal related projects.
- ❖ Students gain leadership skills such as: goal-setting, decision-making, team building, and conflict resolution while enhancing their own personal growth and development.
- ❖ Students obtain valuable community service opportunities.
- ❖ Students are introduced to the legislative process and the importance of advocating for a cause through PTA involvement.
- ❖ Students provide PTA with school-wide information regarding peer interests and concerns thereby enhancing the relevance and effectiveness of PTA programs.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Join a RCPTA chartered PTA/PTSA organization as a paid student member.*
- ❖ Be committed to attending ALL scheduled RCPTA meetings associated with participating in the annual CAPTA Legislation Conference in Sacramento.
- ❖ Practice effective and positive communication skills. Help create an atmosphere of mutual respect between students and adults to communicate the needs, desires and concerns of fellow students.
- ❖ Interact with peers and other school organizations to plan programs and activities that will enhance the atmosphere and create a more positive learning environment for all.
- ❖ Share how the PTA supports the school, staff, and its initiatives/programs.

As a Student Representative you...

- Serve as an ambassador and liaison to student leaders within the Riverside Unified School District and RCPTA.
- Participate in the annual CAPTA Legislation Conference to advocate for a positive learning environment for all students.

**Riverside Council PTA is available to identify chartered PTA/PTSA organizations where we can assist students with student membership.*



Riverside Council PTA CAPTA Legislation Conference 2025 Student Representative Application

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Candidates must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- ✓ Join a RCPTA chartered PTA/PTSA organization as a paid student member.*
- ✓ Submit a 500 words or less essay that:
 - Includes Student Name, Grade, Email and Phone Number
 - Explains why you as a student representative would be the best candidate to represent the students of Riverside Unified School District.
 - Addresses the mission of the California State PTA: To positively impact the lives of all children and families.
 - Indicates your involvement in the community, and how this conference will provide an educational opportunity.

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that by agreeing to be a Riverside Council PTA student representative, that I must be committed to attending ALL scheduled RCPTA meetings associated with participating in the annual CAPTA Legislation Conference in Sacramento.

**Please EMAIL essays by October 25, 2024 to:
advocacy@rcpta.org**