

\* **2004** Convention Delegates adopted the new structure for the Ohio PTA Board of Directors. The last fall convention of the Ohio PTA was held in October.

\***2005** Ohio PTA hosted the National PTA Convention in Columbus.

\* **2007** The Ohio PTA became involved in Getting It Right, a constitutional amendment proposing a high quality education as a fundamental right for all Ohio's children through the implementation of a new school funding model.

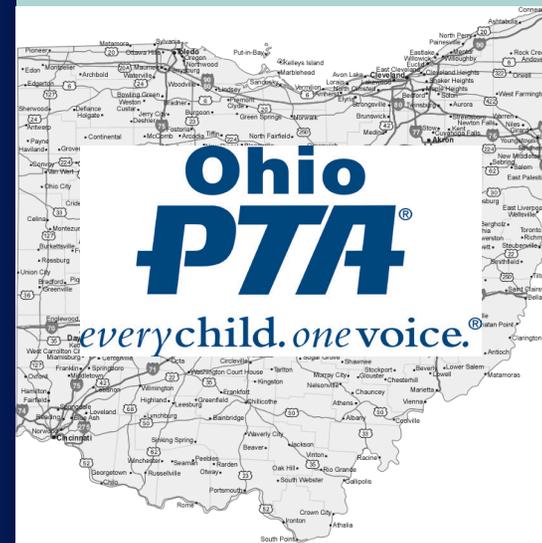
\* **2008** Ohio PTA and the Ohio Secretary of State's office were co-sponsors of Mock Election, the opportunity for children grades K-12 to participate in the democratic process.

\* **2010** -- With the help of a grant from National PTA, Ohio PTA began a campaign to help advocate for the implementation of and education of parents and community members about Common Core Standards.

\* **2011** -- Ohio PTA hosted its first Diversity & Inclusion Conference to help highlight the importance of including everyone in the education of children and the future of PTA in Ohio. Ohio PTA was recognized as the National PTA Advocacy Challenge winner for encouraging its members to advocate for important advocacy alerts to congress.



# Milestones from the past 100 + Years



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\* **1901** The fifth annual convention of the National Congress of Mothers was held in Columbus, Ohio in May 1901. Those present organized the Ohio Branch. Mrs. J.A. Jeffrey was elected the first president.

\* **1918** Ohio PTA endorsed the Teacher's Pension and Retirement Law which was passed by the legislature.

\* **1922** Convention delegates approved a resolution that "opposed any means to reduce taxes for school purposes; to oppose any change in the Volstead Act; and to favor laws requiring fathers to support their illegitimate children."

\* **1925** Ohio PTA endorsed state ratification of the National Child Labor Amendment. It also endorsed a bill that provided special classes for mentally retarded children.

\* **1933** Ohio PTA helped to organize the "Save Ohio Schools" committees and endorsed the School Foundation Program.

\* **1947** The Memorial Scholarship Program for teacher training was inaugurated and twenty-five \$200 scholarships were awarded.

\* **1962** The Ohio PTA took a leadership role in the formation of the Ohio Council for Education, a group of educational organizations to promote harmony and coordinate the activities of the member groups.

\* **1967** Ohio PTA participated in the selection of 100 students to attend the Governor's Institute on Teenage Drinking at Kent State University.

\* **1972** The Internal Revenue Service officially classified the Ohio PTA as a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

\* **1976** Ohio PTA celebrated its 75th anniversary. The Memorial Scholarship program was expanded to allow students in any field of study to receive grants.

\* **1979** Ohio PTA published a report on "A Look at Public Funds for Nonpublic Schools," which gained nationwide distribution.

\* **1981** Ohio PTA was active in the Coalition of Educational Organizations that replaced the Ohio Council for Education. The Ohio Parent-Teacher Bulletin became the Ohio PTA News and was published in tabloid form. Legislative concerns were collective bargaining and school funding.

\* **1986** Many new publications were developed among which was "Looking in on Your PTA" – a self-evaluation instrument for local PTA units and a Founder's Day Booklet. The Ohio PTA launched a project funded by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to improve parent involvement in Ohio schools. "Come Back to School" kits were developed and made available to all schools in the state. A one-day Parent Involvement Conference was held.

\* **1987** The "Come Back to School" project was continued. The Ohio PTA continues a leadership role in the Ohio Coalition for More Effective School Discipline working to abolish corporal punishment in the schools.

\* **1988** To aid local PTA units in working with single parents and working parents, "Understanding the Changing Faces of PTA" was developed and the Big Cities Task Force began studying ways to build involvement in big cities. A statewide annual legislation conference was held with special emphasis on school finance. Ohio PTA played a major role in getting a bill passed permitting school districts to develop policies abolishing corporal punishment in schools.

\* **1989** The Memorial Scholarship Program was changed to a one-year award of \$500.

\* **1992** Ohio PTA was instrumental in obtaining legislation mandating that school districts develop policies for parent involvement. Legislation was also adopted that clarified the Ohio PTA sales tax exemption.

\* **1993** The Ohio PTA hosted the National PTA Convention in Cincinnati.

\* **1994** Ohio PTA initiated the Citizens Against Vouchers coalition that was comprised of nearly 30 organizations and individuals to oppose voucher proposals diverting public funds to private schools. A statewide coalition of nearly 80 businesses, community and education organizations called BEST was formed to create a public awareness of what was happening in Ohio schools.

\* **1995** Ohio PTA hosted the Ohio Parent Involvement Summit that was funded by the Ohio PTA and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. Teams of parents, educators, business and community leaders from across the state gathered in Columbus to develop plans to increase parent involvement in their communities.

\* **1998** Ohio PTA published a health, welfare and safety kit entitled "Keeping Kids Safe" through grant funds. It was distributed to all units and councils.

\* **1999** The Ohio PTA launched the Ohio PTA web site at [www.ohiopta.org](http://www.ohiopta.org) to increase awareness of the activities of the Ohio PTA and to provide a forum for local units to add their own web pages.

\* **2000** Ohio PTA kicked off its 100th Anniversary celebration.