

California State PTA

Attendance of Minors at California State PTA-Sponsored Events

Purpose

The California State PTA's mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and their families. This policy ensures that student voice is included, in a safe and responsible manner, at all California State PTA-sponsored events, while clarifying the responsibilities of accompanying adults.

Definitions

Minor: An individual who is under the age of 18 at the start of the California State PTA event. Anyone who is 18 or older at the start of the event may register as an adult attendee without additional requirements.

Designated Adult: An individual who is at least 18 years of age, who has been identified in writing by the minor's parent or legal guardian to serve as the responsible supervising adult for the minor during the event and is a paid attendee.

Accompanying Adult: A parent, legal guardian, or designated adult who has accepted responsibility for a minor at a California State PTA event.

General Requirements

All minors must be accompanied by an Accompanying Adult to attend any California State PTA-sponsored event. Unaccompanied minors will not be admitted.

California State PTA does not assume supervisory responsibility for any minor at any time during the event. The Accompanying Adult retains full responsibility for the minor's supervision, safety, and care.

All Accompanying Adults must complete the event registration process, including a signed acknowledgment of responsibility. California State PTA may require additional documentation, including, but not limited to, emergency contact information, medical information, and a liability waiver.

Requirements for All Accompanying Adults

Regardless of event type, each Accompanying Adult must:

1. Register for the event (at no charge if the adult is attending solely to supervise a minor and will not participate in any workshops, the exhibit hall, giveaways, or attendee activities).
2. Be responsible for no more than two (2) minors during the event.
3. Remain on-site and available while the minor is present at the event.

4. Not serve in any event support role (volunteer, presenter, staff, committee member) that would prevent them from being available to supervise the minor.

Multi-Day Events Requiring Overnight Stay

A minor may attend a multi-day event that requires an overnight stay outside of the minor's home residence only if accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, who must be present with the minor at the overnight accommodation. A designated adult may not serve as the Accompanying Adult for overnight events.

One-Day Events and Day Attendance at Multi-Day Events

A minor may attend a one-day event, or attend the daytime portions of a multi-day event while staying at their home residence, if accompanied by an Accompanying Adult (parent, legal guardian, or designated adult) who meets all requirements listed under "Requirements for All Accompanying Adults" above.

Minor Program Participants

Minors who are program participants (presenters, performers, recipients of awards, etc.) must meet one of the following conditions:

1. They are accompanied by an Accompanying Adult who meets all requirements listed under "Requirements for All Accompanying Adults" above; or
2. They are part of a school or community group and are under the direct supervision of school or community personnel while present at the event, provided that:
 - a. The school/community personnel register for the event as a guest (at no charge)
 - b. The school/community personnel remain on -site and available while the minors are present at the event