

KHS Parent Teacher Student Organization

10 Reasons to Join



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It's a great way to meet other families.

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You will become a greater part of your children's learning experience.

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You can help make money for a great cause-- your children's school.

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You'll get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.

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It's one more way to meet and talk with school administrators like the principal and assistant principals.

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You can create, plan, and execute fun school events.

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It only takes about an hour or so a month of your time.

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There is such a feeling of self-worth through volunteering your time and seeing your efforts pay off in the school and community.

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The number one reason to join the **KHS PTSO** is because **WE NEED YOU!**



The Role of the KHS PTO Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO)

The mission of the **KHS PTO** are to promote a sense of community for all personnel assigned to the Kaiserslautern Military Community and their families. We provide active support to the interscholastic co-curricular programs of Kaiserslautern High School. Our organization assists the school authorities by providing the personnel, materials and financial assistance to help provide programs that emulate programs used by top ranking high schools in the United States.

The Main objectives of the **KHS PTO** are to:

- Establish and maintain a working relationship among parents, school and community.
- Support school improvement teams and promote the finest education possible for the students at **Kaiserslautern High School**.
- Develop programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum.
- Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget.

The PTO DOES

- Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- Encourage parents' involvement in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school
- Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs
- Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum
- Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology if needed
- Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues
- Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism
- Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTO functions and assist with school programs
- Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and schools
- A LOT !!!

The PTO does NOT

- Run the school
- Force parents to participate in PTO and/or school activities
- Set policy regarding school programs
- Define the school's curriculum
- Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school
- Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies
- Control the school's budget
- Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors
- Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees
- Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern
- DO EVERYTHING !!!

This PTSO is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes explicitly noted within the constitution and by-laws of our organization.

Goods and Events Supported by the PTSO

- Purchase and distribute all KHS agendas used by students and staff. 850 were ordered for the 2019-2020 school year totaling over \$3,400.
- Organize the End of Year Bash attended by ALL students grades 09-12. The PTSO single handedly organizes this event with the help of volunteers from our sponsor Unit and the USO.
- ALL Teacher Appreciation Events throughout the school year.
- We fund requests submitted by ALL clubs and organizations in the school that are NOT related to KHS athletics. For example, MUN, FBLA, Music, etc.
- Fund all activities for the Big Buddies program that partners our students with kids at KHS Elementary School.
- Promote the sell of non-sport specific Spirit Wear for Kaiserslautern High School.
- Provide low cost goods and snacks to students during finals week.
- Award scholarship(s) to graduates of KHS who have exemplified service to their school or community.
- Organize a 5K Fun Run that raises funds for the KHS scholarship fund.