

The Role of the Jefferson R-7 Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

The objectives of the Jefferson R-7 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 in the Jefferson R-7 School District.
- Expand technology and supplement equipment and supplies.
- Increase student safety and security.
- 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
- 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
- A LOT !!!

The PTO does NOT

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