



PTAs and Schools in Illinois Honored as National PTA Schools of Excellence

National PTA's [School of Excellence](#) program is designed to build strong partnerships between families and schools and create meaningful family engagement. This year, National PTA has recognized eight Illinois PTAs as Schools of Excellence for the 2024-2026 period.



The eight Illinois PTAs recognized as Schools of Excellence are:

- Helen Keller Jr. High School PTA (Schaumburg)
- Hunting Ridge PTA (Palatine)
- Jane Addams Junior High School PTA (Schaumburg)
- Jane Stenson PTA (Skokie)
- Lincoln Prairie PTSA (Hoffman Estates)
- Twin Echo PTA (Collinsville)
- Whiteley PTA (Hoffman Estates)
- Wilson Elementary PTA (Granite City)

Through National PTA's [School of Excellence program](#), PTAs and schools make a year-long commitment to strengthen family-school partnerships. Throughout the year, PTAs and schools collect feedback from their school communities and create and implement plans of action to improve family engagement based on PTA's [National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#). During the process, PTAs and families become key partners in decision-making and school improvement efforts. The program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-drive decisions that help create an environment where families feel welcomed, included, and empowered to support their child's success and where students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

If your PTA is interested in building family engagement in your school, the School of Excellence program is an excellent way to do so. [Sign up for the 2025-2026 school year runs through October 15th](#), but PTAs and schools benefit from starting as soon as possible, so don't delay enrolling in the program.