

Bylaws Approved By Order of the
Texas PTA Board of Directors



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Texas PTA President

AUSTIN ACADEMY
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this nonprofit association shall be the Austin Academy Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Garland, Texas. It is a Local PTA organized under the authority of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers (Texas PTA), a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA.) The assigned Texas PTA ID number is 4112.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of Austin Academy PTA, in common with National PTA and Texas PTA, are:

- A. to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship;
- B. to raise the standards of home life;
- C. to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;
- D. to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; and
- E. to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Section 2. The purposes of the National PTA, the Texas PTA and this Local PTA are promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers, and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article III.

Section 3. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as "Internal Revenue Code").

Article III

Basic Policies

The following are basic policies of this Local PTA, in common with National PTA and Texas PTA:

- A. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- B. The association shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
- C. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large.
- D. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- F. Upon the dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one (1) or more nonprofit funds, foundations or organizations which have established their tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of National PTA.
- G. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

Article IV

Relationship with Texas PTA

Section 1. Organization. This Local PTA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Texas PTA, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the Texas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Texas PTA shall issue to this Local PTA an appropriate charter evidencing the due organization and good standing of this Local PTA.

Section 2. Expectations. This Local PTA shall adhere to the Standards of Continuing Affiliation, (*see Attachment*) which define requirement for Good Standing and Active Status. Local PTAs which achieve Active status by December 1, are eligible for voting representation at the upcoming National PTA Convention and Texas PTA Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Harm to Brand or Name. Texas PTA may withdraw the charter of a Local PTA with notice given to the Local PTA leadership if, in the opinion of Texas PTA, the Local PTA is jeopardizing or endangering the good will or good name of Texas PTA.

Section 4. Withdrawal of Charter. This Local PTA is obligated, upon withdrawal of its charter by the Texas PTA, to:

- A. yield up and surrender all of its books, records, assets and property to the Texas PTA or to such association as may be designated by the Texas PTA;
- B. cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA or the Texas PTA; and
- C. carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the Texas PTA, all proceedings necessary for the purpose of dissolving this Local PTA.

Section 5. Records Retention. This Local PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the association including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members and the amount of dues remitted to the Texas PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Texas PTA or the National PTA.

Section 6. Dissolution of PTA. A Local PTA considering dissolving its relationship with Texas PTA (and thereby National PTA) shall follow the procedures for dissolution as adopted by the Texas PTA Board of Directors. These procedures include but are not limited to:

- A. notifying Texas PTA of the Local PTA's intent to dissolve;
- B. a meeting with a representative of Texas PTA with the Local PTA executive board members, including the principal, to discuss the ramifications of dissolution and procedures;
- C. a regular or special meeting of the membership with a representative of Texas PTA; and
- D. a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present is required for dissolution, a quorum having been established.

Any Local PTA failing to follow the procedures shall forfeit all Local PTA books, records and assets to Texas PTA.

ARTICLE V
Membership and Dues

Section 1.Members.

- A. Membership in PTA shall be open without discrimination to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA and Texas PTA.
- B. Every individual who is a member of this Local PTA is a member of the National PTA and the Texas PTA and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.
- C. The members of this Local PTA shall be the individual members who have paid dues for the current membership year.
- D. The membership year shall be August 1 - July 31. *(Proviso: The initial membership year for PTAs organizing after March 15 shall be extended to July 31 of the subsequent membership year.)*
- E. Only members of this Local PTA who have paid dues for the current membership year may participate in the business of the association and be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed position.
- F. This Local PTA may admit individuals to membership at any time.
- G. Members of this Local PTA are recognized as members of Texas PTA and National PTA when membership rosters and dues are received by Texas PTA.

Section 2.Dues.

- A. Annual dues for each member shall be four dollars (\$4.00) for an individual, five dollars (\$5.00) for a couple, three dollars (\$3.00) for a student for the local portion of dues plus state dues as determined by Texas PTA and national dues as determined by National PTA.
- B. This Local PTA shall remit a membership roster and the national and state portions of the dues paid by each member of this Local PTA to the Texas PTA as required by Texas PTA.

Section 3.Texas PTA Honorary Life Members.

- A. An honorary life membership may be granted to any deserving individual by the Local PTA upon receipt of payment to Texas PTA.
- B. An honorary life membership does not authorize the right to vote or hold office without payment of the national and local portion of the dues.
- C. Each honorary life membership grants an exemption from paying the Texas PTA portion of the dues at only one (1) Local PTA.

ARTICLE VI
Officers

Section 1.Eligibility. Each officer shall be a member of this Local PTA prior to taking office .

Section 2.Officers. The officers of this Local PTA shall be a president, three (3) vice president(s), a secretary, a treasurer and a parliamentarian.

Section 3.Term of Office. Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year. PTAs that do not follow a traditional school year schedule shall designate a calendar year in standing rules. The elected officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. One who has served more than one-half (1/2) of a term shall be credited with having served that term. *(Proviso: The initial term of office shall be extended to the close of the subsequent fiscal year for PTAs organizing after January 1.)*

Section 4.Vacancy in Office. All officer positions not filled by election become vacant. In the case of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall serve notice to the executive board of the election to fill the vacancy of the president and shall conduct the election. A vacancy in any office other than president shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the executive board. In the interim, duties of any vacancy shall be assumed by the executive board.

Section 5. Duties of Officers. The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in these bylaws, by the executive board in applicable state statutes, and in the parliamentary authority.

A. **President.** The president shall:

1. coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the association in order that the Purposes may be promoted;
2. confirm that a quorum is present at all meetings of the association before conducting business;
3. preside at all meetings of the association;
4. appoint the chair of each standing committee and special committee, subject to the approval of the executive board, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws;
5. be authorized to sign on bank accounts, unless prohibited by terms of employment;
6. be authorized to sign contracts approved by the executive board;
7. be listed as the principal officer and be authorized to sign tax documents, unless prohibited by terms of employment;
8. appoint a member, subject to the approval of the executive board, who is not authorized to sign on the bank account to open, review, initial and date each bank statement;
9. represent the Local PTA as a delegate to Council PTA (when the Local PTA is in membership with Council PTA);
10. appoint the financial reconciliation committee, subject to the approval of the executive board; and
11. serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and financial reconciliation committees.

B. **Newly-elected President.** The newly-elected president, within thirty (30) days after the election meeting, shall call a meeting of the newly-elected officers to:

1. appoint a parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the newly-elected officers;
2. appoint standing committee chairs, subject to approval of the newly-elected officers; and
3. conduct any other business as shall become necessary.

C. **First Vice President.** The vice president shall:

1. serve as aide-to-the-president;
2. be in charge of programs; and
3. preside in the absence of the president (in their designated order):

D. **Second Vice President.** The vice president shall:

1. be in charge of membership; and
2. preside in the absence of the president (in their designated order):

E. **Third Vice President.** The vice president shall:

1. be in charge of budget and finance; and
2. preside in the absence of the president (in their designated order):

F. **Secretary.** The secretary shall:

1. record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the members and the executive board;
2. send, or cause to be sent, notice of meetings of the members and of the executive board;
3. be responsible for correspondence;
4. collect and preserve documents relating to the history of the association;
5. present a written report to the association as the official history to be adopted at the annual meeting ;
6. have a current copy of the bylaws;
7. confirm the executive board has reviewed and the membership has adopted the Texas PTA /PTSA Records Retention Policy annually;
8. confirm that all executive board members have signed the Local PTA Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy;
9. confirm that all executive board members are graduates of Texas PTA Leader Orientation or have completed the course by October 15 after their election or appointment ;
10. file with the Council PTA secretary the names of this Local PTA's delegates and alternates by the first regular Council PTA meeting and no later than October 1. A Local PTA joining the Council PTA or making changes after October 1 shall submit any changes in writing prior to any regular meeting in order to be eligible to vote;
11. submit the names and contact information of all board members to the Texas PTA Office within 15 days of their election or appointment;
12. maintain the required documents of the association to include: Texas PTA Leader Orientation completion lists, records retention policy; adopted and signed ethics/conflict of interest policy, membership rosters (not to be released to outside interests), adopted plans of work, and completed student permission forms (if applicable); and
13. not be a member of the financial reconciliation committee.

G. **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall:

1. have custody of all the funds of the association;
2. serve as the chair of the budget and finance committee;
3. present a written and verbal financial report at executive board and association meetings and as requested by the executive board or association;
4. maintain books of account and records including bank statements, receipts, budgets, invoices, paid receipts and canceled checks in accordance with the records retention policy;
5. make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the association;
6. be authorized to sign on bank accounts;
7. be authorized to sign tax documents, if the president is prohibited by terms of employment;
8. present a preliminary annual report, i.e. budget to actual, at the last association meeting;
9. complete and file all necessary tax documents; and
10. present books of account and records to the financial reconciliation committee.

H. **Parliamentarian.** The parliamentarian shall:

1. advise the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary procedure when asked ; and
2. vote only when the vote is by ballot.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1.Nominating Committee.

- A. **Composition.** The nominating committee shall consist of members three (3) members and One (1) alternate members. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating committee for two (2) consecutive terms. The president shall not serve as a member of this committee nor appoint any member of this committee. Student members shall not constitute a majority of this committee.
- B. **Election of Committee.** The members of this Local PTA shall elect the members of the nominating committee at a regular association meeting prior to the election meeting. The election shall be by plurality vote. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the alternate with the next greatest number of votes. The chair of the nominating committee shall be elected by the nominating committee.
- C. **Duties.** The nominating committee:
1. shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose submissions meet the requirements set forth by these bylaws and who have signified their consent to serve if elected;
 2. may consider additional candidates during its deliberations; and
 3. shall submit only one (1) name for each position to be filled.

D. **Report of the Nominating Committee.** The report of the nominating committee shall be published to the membership through regular publicity channels at least seven (7) days before the election meeting.

Section 2.Nominations from the Floor. Nominees from the floor shall be accepted at the election meeting.

Section 3.Elections. Officers, with the exception of the parliamentarian, shall be elected by ballot in the month of April. However, if there is but one (1) nominee for an office, election for that office may be by voice vote.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Section 1.Regular Meetings. This association shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings a year.

A. Meetings of the association shall be held in the months of September, November, February, and April, time and date to be established by executive board. Five (5) days' notice shall be given if change of date is needed.

The membership shall be notified through regular publicity channels of the date and time of all association meetings following the first meeting of the executive board at which time this schedule is determined.

B. The association meeting held in April shall be the election meeting.

C. The annual association meeting in April shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and chairs and

Section 2.Quorum. The quorum for the transaction of business in any association meeting shall be Ten (10) members.

Section 3.Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 4.Special Meetings. A special meeting shall be called by the president or by a majority of the executive board, with at least three (3) days' notice giving the place, date, time and purpose of the special meeting. No other business may be conducted.

ARTICLE IX

Executive Board

Section 1.Composition. The members of the executive board shall be:

- A. the officers of the association;
- B. the principal of the school or the principal's representative appointed by the principal;
- C. the chairs of standing committees; and
- D. the council delegate(s).

Section 2.Eligibility. Executive board members shall:

- A. subscribe to, believe in and support the mission and purposes and policies of National PTA and Texas PTA;
- B. agree to join the association promptly, if not a current member at the time of election or appointment;
- C. receive no compensation from the association except reimbursement for reasonable expenses as set forth in PTA policies and procedures; and
- D. have served no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 3.Student Members. For legal considerations, members under the age of 18 shall not:

- A. serve as president, first vice president, secretary or treasurer;
- B. serve as a signer on the bank account(s);
- C. serve as the member appointed to open, review, initial and date the bank statements; and
- D. hold a majority of the offices.

Section 4. A Local PTA member shall not serve as a voting member of this executive board while employed by, or under contract to this Local PTA.

Section 5. Executive board members shall serve in only one (1) capacity.

Section 6.Board Duties. The duties of the executive board shall be to:

- A. transact necessary business in the intervals between association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the association;
- B. present a report at the regular association meetings;
- C. approve the Plans of Work of all officers and committee chairs;
- D. create standing and special committees;
- E. adopt the Texas PTA Local PTA/PTSA Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy annually;
- F. review the records retention policy annually;
- G. prepare an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year and submit to the association for adoption at the annual meeting;
- H. approve routine bills within the limits of the budget; and
- I. fill vacancies on the board.

Section 7. Board Member Duties. The duties of each executive board member shall be to:

- A. be a graduate of the Texas PTA Leader Orientation or complete the course by October 15 after election or appointment;
- B. submit a written Plan of Work to the executive board for approval;
- C. have a current copy of the Local PTA bylaws;
- D. deliver to successor or the president all official materials within fifteen (15) days following the date on which the successor assumes duties;
- E. attend all meetings of the association;
- F. sign the ethics/conflict of interest policy, as adopted;
- G. abide by the policies and procedures as set forth by Texas PTA; and
- H. perform the duties outlined in these bylaws, governing documents and those assigned by the president.

Section 8. Meetings.

- A. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held prior to each meeting of the association.
- B. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the executive board with notice given in writing, including electronic mail, to each executive board member at least three (3) days before the meeting.
- C. Proxy Voting.** There shall be no proxy voting.
- D. Quorum.** A majority of the members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.
- E. Emergency Voting.** In an emergency situation, the executive board may vote by phone, email, or other electronic means if authorized by the president. Members shall have at least twenty-four (24) hours to cast their votes. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire executive board is required for adoption, and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the executive board.

Section 9. Removal and Resignation. Any executive board member may be removed from office with cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the executive board then in office. Any executive board member may resign at any time by delivering a written resignation to the Local PTA president or secretary.

ARTICLE X Committees

Section 1. Committees. The executive board may create such standing and special committees as it may deem necessary to promote the Purposes. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the financial reconciliation committee and nominating committee.

Section 2. Term. Chairs shall assume their official duties following the close of the school year and shall serve a term of one (1) year.

Section 3. Only one (1) person shall be appointed to serve in any one (1) chair position.

Section 4. No chair shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. One who has served more than one-half (1/2) of a term shall be credited with having served that term.

Section 5. Standing Committee Chairs. All standing committee chairs shall:

- A. deliver to their successors or the president all official materials;
- B. present a written Plan of Work to the executive board for approval;
- C. have a current copy of the Local PTA bylaws; and
- D. perform other duties as assigned by the president.

Section 6. Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 7. Quorum. The quorum of any committee shall be a majority of its members.

ARTICLE XI Council Membership

Section 1. Representation.

- A. This Local PTA shall be represented in meetings of the Garland ISD Council of PTAs by the president or alternate, the principal or alternate and by delegate(s) or alternate(s). The number of delegates shall correspond with the number as stated in the Council PTA bylaws. All representatives to the Council PTA shall be members of the Local PTA they represent.

B. Delegates and their alternates shall be appointed, subject to the approval of the executive board by April .

C. Delegates to Garland ISD Council of PTAs shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

Section 2.Dues. This association shall pay annual dues to the Garland ISD Council of PTAs no later than October 15. The amount of dues shall correspond with the amount as stated in the Council PTA bylaws .

ARTICLE XII

Texas PTA Annual Meeting

This Local PTA shall be represented at the annual meeting of the Texas PTA by the president or appointed alternate and additional accredited delegates.

A. All delegates from this Local PTA to the Texas PTA annual meeting shall be members of this Local PTA .

B. Voting delegates and their alternates shall be appointed , subject to the approval of the executive board.

ARTICLE XIII

Fiscal Accountability

Section 1.Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this association shall begin August 1 and end on the following July 31.

Section 2.Signers. Signers on the bank account shall not be related by blood or marriage and shall not reside in the same household.

Section 3.Financial Reconciliation.

A. A financial reconciliation shall be performed:

1. at the end of the fiscal year;
2. when any authorized check signer is added or deleted on any bank account; and
3. at any time deemed necessary by the president or three (3) or more members.

B. The president shall appoint, subject to the approval of the executive board, a financial reconciliation committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, who are not authorized signers. Members of the financial reconciliation committee shall not be the incoming treasurer or be related by blood or marriage and shall not reside in the same household as the authorized signers.

C. For the financial reconciliation required at the end of the fiscal year, the president shall appoint the financial reconciliation committee at least thirty (30) days before the last meeting of the year.

D. The financial reconciliation committee report shall be adopted by a majority vote of the association at the first regular meeting following the financial reconciliation.

ARTICLE XIV

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this PTA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, and any other bylaws or rules adopted by National PTA and Texas PTA.

ARTICLE XV

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1.Submission. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the association, provided a quorum is present, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting. Notice of each proposed amendment shall be provided to the membership through regular publicity channels thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon or at the previous regular meeting. The amendment shall be subject to approval of the Texas PTA.

Section 2.Approval. After adoption at a meeting of the association, the bylaws and standing rules shall be submitted for approval to Texas PTA according to the policies and procedures of Texas PTA. Amended bylaws or standing rules go into effect when an approved copy is returned by the Texas PTA.

Section 3.Review. This Local PTA shall submit bylaws (and standing rules, if applicable) to the Texas PTA for review every five (5) years.

Section 4.Adoption. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws by Texas PTA shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the Local PTA to amend its corresponding bylaws .

As adopted by the Texas PTA Board of Directors May, 2015 to take effect August, 2015.



Local PTAs must comply with all of the following standards to remain in Good Standing with Texas PTA.

1. Maintain Active Status with Texas PTA.¹ (*requirements for Active Status are provided below*)
2. Report all members and remit all state/national dues to Texas PTA each year.
3. Submit to Texas PTA the name and contact information for each board member within 15 days of election or appointment.²
4. Submit to Texas PTA confirmation of 990 IRS filing by February 1 each year.³
5. Review Local PTA bylaws every five years and submit to Texas PTA for approval.⁴

Local PTAs must meet the following requirements each year to obtain Active Status with Texas PTA.

1. Remit to Texas PTA state/national membership dues for at least 20 members.
2. Submit to Texas PTA the name and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address) of at least one current board member, preferably the President.

Effective August 1, 2015

Footnotes:

1. *Active Status is used to determine eligibility in many Texas PTA programs and services. Please reference specific program eligibility requirements to ensure your PTAs participation.*
2. *PTAs submit board member information to Texas PTA electronically via the Texas PTA website.*
3. *Confirmation of tax filing is submitted electronically via the Annual Tax-Exemption Confirmation found on the Texas PTA website.*
4. *Bylaws are submitted via the Bylaws Submission Form found on the Texas PTA website.*

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Standing Rules Approved By Order
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Texas PTA President

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Austin Academy (AAE) PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION STANDING RULES

I. Meetings

- A. The president shall appoint a committee of three (3) members at the last executive board meeting to approve the minutes of the last board meeting if there is not a June meeting of the Executive Board.
- B. The president shall appoint a committee of three (3) members at the last regular meeting to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting.

II. Training Expenses

- A. AAE PTA shall pay the expenses of the newly-elected officers and committee chairs to attend the Council PTA training, if applicable. As the approved budget allows, this Local PTA shall pay the expenses of any other PTA member to attend.
- B. AAE PTA shall pay the expenses of members to the Texas PTA Annual Convention and Summer Leadership Seminar in the following order, as funds allow: (Select positions and list in order of priority here.)
 - 1. President
 - 2. First Vice President
 - 3. Second Vice President
 - 4. Third Vice President
 - 5. Secretary
 - 6. Treasurer
 - 7. Parliamentarian
 - 8. Standing Committee Chairs
- C. AAE PTA shall pay the expenses of the delegate(s) to the National PTA Annual Convention, if funds permit after expenses have been allocated for the Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar and Annual Convention. Delegate(s) shall indicate their desire to go with the approval of the executive board at the June Executive Board meeting.
- D. AAE PTA shall limit event expenses to the following:
 - 1. Registration fee
 - 2. Hotel accommodations at published seminar or convention double-occupancy rate

3. Gasoline for one vehicle per four (4) members in attendance when using personal car, or the lowest available commercial airfare at twenty-one (21) day advance booking
 4. Parking fees
- E. AAE PTA shall pay the expenses for members of the executive board to attend the Texas PTA Leader Orientation.

III. Financial

- A. AAE PTA shall purchase a past president's pin for the retiring president.
- B. AAE PTA shall purchase tickets for the Council PTA Spring Luncheon for up to 10 persons; including the following:
 1. President
 2. Current year's life membership recipients and one guest
 3. School principal
 4. Current year's Reflections Student(s) whose entry went to State and one guest
- C. The president shall appoint additional signer for the PTA accounts with executive board approval.
- D. The secretary shall not be appointed as a check signer on the PTA account.
- E. The secretary shall not be appointed to review the monthly bank statements.
- F. All money shall be counted by at least two (2) non related (by blood or marriage) persons at the same time, and all counters shall sign a completed Itemized Receipt Form. The money shall then be given to the treasurer, who shall also count and sign the Itemized Receipt Form. A copy of this form shall be retained by all signers of the form.
- G. Any charges incurred by the AAE PTA because of insufficient funds shall be charged to the check writer. AAE PTA reserves the right to refuse subsequent checks from the check writer and require cash or money orders for payment.
- H. AAE PTA shall not use credit or debit cards.
- I. AAE PTA shall reimburse allowable, budgeted expenses to members who submit receipts with proper documentation to the treasurer within thirty (30) days of the event or within three (3) days of the end of the school year, whichever comes first.
- J. AAE PTA shall not reimburse sales tax. Any member making purchases on behalf of or for AAE PTA shall use the tax exempt form.
- K. AAE PTA shall obtain at least three (3) bids when making any large purchase unless the item is a specialty item and there is but one vendor for the item.
- L. AAE PTA shall require a written contract with any business/vendor when purchasing non-refundable merchandise or when making significant expenditures for service.
- M. AAE PTA shall have a carryover in the checking account of not less than \$4000.00 at the end of the fiscal year.

IV. Bonding and Insurance

A. The following insurance shall be purchased annually by AAE PTA:

1. General liability insurance
2. Accident medical
3. Blanket bond insurance--commercial crime
4. Property insurance
5. Nonprofit professional liability insurance

V. Standing Committees

The standing committees of this Local PTA shall be Arts In Education, Council Delegate, Legislative Action, Newsletter, Parent Education, Room Representatives (3), Student Directory, Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality, Volunteer Coordinator, Website/Publicity, School Supplies, Book Fair, Career Speakers, Historian, School Parties/Snack Attack, Spirit Wear, 8th Grade Dance Coordinator.

VI. Duties of Standing Committee Chairpersons

A. Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality

1. This committee shall be composed of a chair and at least two (2) members.
2. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
3. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.
4. This committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. Hosting at all meetings by creating a friendly welcoming atmosphere.
 - b. Coordinate the Back to School Luncheon for the faculty and staff the week preceding the First day of School.
 - c. Plan the Welcome Reception for parents on the First Day of School.
 - d. Responsible for coordinating Teacher Appreciation week events in May (Spring Event.)

- e. Coordinate the In/Out Executive Board Dinner in May.
- a. Plan 2 additional teacher events (such as a brunch or lunch): a Fall (October/November) Event; and a Winter (January/February) Event.

B. Arts In Education

1. Work with other chairpersons and school personnel to achieve greater interest and participation in cultural arts.
2. Keep the membership informed as to any cultural arts activities in the school, community, or area and encourage their attendance and participation.
3. Organize, publicize, and promote participation in the National PTA's annual Reflections program by working through Garland ISD Council of PTAs.
4. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
5. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

C. Council Delegate(s)

1. Attend all regular GISD Council meeting – first Weds of every month.
2. Vote in accordance with the policies of AAE PTA.
3. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
4. Relay information and materials to the Executive Board and/or appropriate officers and chairpersons.
5. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

D. Legislative Action Chairperson

1. Review legislative information from Texas PTA and National PTA.
2. Keep membership aware of legislative positions and any legislative actions that are being undertaken in Garland, Austin, and Washington D.C. concerning our students, school administration, teachers, and community.
3. Coordinate any efforts of the association for developing resolutions and input to the legislative positions for presentation to Texas PTA.
4. Promote School Board Appreciation month in February.
5. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
6. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

E. Newsletter Chairperson

1. Compile and distribute a newsletter in September, January, and May to the parents, teachers, and administrators.
2. Provide a copy of each newsletter to the Historian for the PTA scrapbook.
3. Send an electronic copy of each newsletter to the Website Administrator.
4. Seek assistance in translating each newsletter into Spanish to be uploaded onto the AAE PTA website.
5. Submit the Newsletters to Garland Council of PTAs for Newsletter Award by April.
6. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
7. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

F. Parent Education Chairperson

1. Provide parent network events through workshops, coffees and seminars, or through other community organizations and agencies throughout the year.
2. Coordinate with GISD Council, State and/or National PTA chairpersons for needed assistance or ideas for workshops and seminars.
3. Keep accurate records and complete all GISD Council and State PTA award forms in a timely manner.
4. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
5. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

G. Student Directory Chairperson

1. Compile, edit, and have a printed student telephone/address directory before the Thanksgiving Break in November.
2. Coordinate the directory cover art contest with the Enriched Art teacher.
3. Coordinate with the Membership chairperson to get membership list and write those names on the directory for distribution.
4. Distribute the directories through the students 6th period teacher.
5. Submit the required number of copies for Council judging.
6. Provide a copy of the directory to the historian for the PTA scrapbook.
7. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
8. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.
9. Submit the Student Directory to Garland Council of PTAs for Student Directory Award by April.

H. Room Representatives

6th and 7th Grade Room Representative:

1. Select room representatives for each Advisory (6th period) class at the beginning of the school year and submit their names to the Student Directory chairperson.
2. Present Room Representative guidelines and plan of work.
3. Coordinate all activities for which the Room Representatives are responsible for; such as coordinating donations of items for the snack attack and the grade level parties, and chaperons for the grade level parties.
4. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board.
5. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

8th Grade Room Representative:

6. Responsible for all of the above mentioned responsibilities
7. Works in conjunction with the 8th Grade Dance Standing Committee Chairperson.

I. Volunteer Chairperson

1. Compiles a volunteer list from a survey sent out in First Day Packets and distributes the list to the appropriate officers and chairpersons.
2. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.
3. Develop and implement appropriate training programs for volunteers in various aspects of their responsibilities, including sign-in procedures, counting and turning in money procedures, etc.
4. Provide needed volunteers as requested by various officers, chairpersons and school personnel.
5. Send all required reporting forms in a timely manner to the GISD Council representative.
6. Be responsible for coordinating Volunteer Appreciation Week held in April.
7. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board

J. Website/Publicity

1. Maintain and promote the AAE PTA website
2. Work with school personnel to link the AAE PTA website to AAE school website.
3. Send notices of meeting and items of interest to the media; such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
4. Coordinate and distribute the publicity for all association activities.
5. Maintain the PTA bulletin board located next to the 6th grade hall.
6. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
7. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

K. School Supplies Chairperson

1. Coordinates with AAE school personnel to get the school supply list by grade before Holiday Break in December.
2. Sends the school lists to the School Supply company to receive a price list for the school supplies by grade level.
3. Checks over the lists for accuracy then submits the pricing per grade level (Company's price + PTA% markup) to the Executive board for approval.
4. Coordinate with School Supply Company to receive print out forms and other materials to be distributed.
5. Distributes forms to all 6th and 7th grade students at AAE and distributes forms to the 3 GT Elementary schools (Walnut Glen, Hillside, and Kimberlin.)
6. Sell School supplies at all spring events.
7. Compile forms and order all school supplies needed. Makes sure the School Supply company knows what date to deliver the supplies to AAE.
8. Distribute and sell extra supplies at 6th grade orientation in August, then distribute remaining supplies to designated rooms by the week before school starts.
9. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
10. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

L. 8th Grade Dance:

1. Works with the 8th Grade Room Representative.
2. Coordinates all 8th grade dance meetings, delegates responsibilities, communicates with 8th grade parents and students the details of the dance.
3. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
4. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

M. Book Fair:

1. Coordinates with AAE school librarian any volunteers that are needed.
2. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
3. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

N. Career Speakers

1. Coordinates with Volunteer chair to get a list of Career speakers for the week before Thanksgiving Break.
2. Gets volunteers to help speakers get to the correct class, has water on hand for the speakers, and gives the speakers a small thank you gift/token.
3. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
4. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

O. School Party/Snack Attack Coordinator

1. Coordinates with Student Council the concessions and games at the Party.
2. Provides food and drink to be sold at the Report Card Pickup nights, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.
3. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
4. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

P. Historian

1. Keeps a scrapbook of all events sponsored by the PTA.
2. Submits scrapbook to GISD Council of PTAs for Award by April.
3. Attend regular meetings of the AAE PTA Executive Board
4. Attend training provided by the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and/or school district.

VII. Special Committees

A. Budget and Finance

1. This committee shall be composed of a chair – the Third (3rd) Vice President and at least 2 members, including the newly-elected president and the newly-elected treasurer.
2. The committee shall recommend amendments to the budget based on Plans of Work, and submit these amendments to the executive board.

3. The Third (3rd) Vice President shall present the budget amendments to the membership for approval at the first regular meeting of the year and any revisions of the budget throughout the year, as needed.

B. Membership

1. This committee shall be composed of a chair Second (2nd) Vice President and at least four (4) members.
2. The chair shall:
 - a. Call a meeting of the membership committee to create a membership campaign for the coming year and set membership goals;
 - b. Ensure completion and submission of membership list and dues report to Texas PTA by October 15;
 - c. Coordinate the implementation of a year round membership campaign;
 - d. Print out membership cards with AAE PTA information so that the Membership card can be handed to the member when dues are paid.
 - e. Provide the Secretary and President with an updated membership list for each regular meeting;
 - f. Apply for membership awards from Texas PTA; and
 - f. Chair the life membership committee.

VIII. Awards

- A. Awards in the form of certificates, plaques, etc. shall be the property of AAE PTA and not individuals.
- B. Awards in the form of recognition pins (membership, etc.) shall be retained by the recipient.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. AAE PTA's mailing address shall be 1125 Beverly Drive, Garland, Texas 75040
- B. Members shall obtain authorization from the AAE PTA membership before representing AAE PTA when communicating to school district personnel or the media.
- C. Executive board members shall not be entitled to privileges that are not due to any other school district tax payer because of their position in the PTA.
- D. All communications concerning AAE PTA for school distribution shall be approved by the AAE Principal and the AAE PTA President prior to dissemination.