



COLORADO PTA POSITION STATEMENT ON
CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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Since our founding, PTA has been the conscience of the country when it comes to issues that affect children and youth. Our association believes students should have an honest and fair understanding of how our nation's history has unfolded, and we encourage the implementation of diverse and inclusive curricula in K-12 public schools nationwide.

Culturally and linguistically responsive teaching and learning and inclusive curricula are imperative in building socially competent and aware children and youth and enhancing their intellectual capability and psychosocial well-being. This includes recognizing racism, classism, and other issues in the world and developing a student's awareness to openly address these situations. Kids deserve age-appropriate and accurate history lessons in our nation's public schools, which will help them become the critical thinkers we need to make this a more just, prosperous and equitable country.

PTA is committed to advocating for inclusive K-12 curricula and multicultural resources and materials to empower students and families of all backgrounds to understand themselves more effectively in relation to others. Classrooms that acknowledge diverse histories and cultures break down existing barriers and create supportive and inclusive schools that encourage students to grow and learn in the safest and most empowering spaces possible.

At PTA, we loudly use our voices to demand more for our kids and ensure they can become all that they can be. Our association remains committed to tackling tough—but necessary—conversations to ensure access to a better education and create a better future for all of our children.