

## **Brown Summit Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student Association FAQs**

### **1. Who can join the PTSA?**

Parents, teachers, students, family, and community members—anyone who is interested in supporting and being engaged with Brown Summit Middle School.

### **2. Why should I join the PTSA?**

PTSA involvement helps you stay connected with the school and provides you with a broader understanding of how you can play a supporting role in your child's education. By joining the PTSA, your child will see the importance you place on education, and you have the opportunity to make connections with other parents while providing support for the school community.

One of the primary goals of the PTSA is to raise funds that are intentionally distributed to benefit the students, staff, and school at large. PTSA provides teacher supply reimbursements, mini grants, and periodic treats and gifts. We collaborate with staff to support student clubs and special events such as the Fall Festival, talent show, eighth grade promotion celebration, and eighth grade dance.

Your PTSA dues not only help projects and initiatives at Brown Summit Middle School, but your dues also support PTSA at the state and national level. These groups advocate for our students and our schools as state and national government decisions are being made that impact education.

Your PTSA membership gives you a voice and vote as our local PTSA makes decisions about board positions, budgets, and any changes to our bylaws and procedures. When our school administration and teachers need help, they often turn to PTSA first. As a PTSA member, you are directly part of the support system in place for our school, for items and programs that may not be covered by existing public school funding structures.

The number of families represented in our PTSA membership is very important. Imagine if you were a teacher or community member and you discovered that only a small handful of families at BSMS joined the PTSA. How would that affect your perception of Brown Summit Middle School? Now, imagine if 100% of families joined the PTSA every year. It does make a difference! Our PTSA membership totals provide a quick snapshot to our school community of our commitment to our school and our investment in student and staff success.

### **3. How much does it cost to join?**

The fee to join is \$8.00, of which \$5.25 goes to the North Carolina and National PTA and \$2.75 goes directly to BSMS PTSA to support the students and teachers at our school.

### **4. When should I join?**

You can join at any time; your membership lasts until the end of the school year. Please join every school year!

### **5. How do I join?**

It's easy! You can pay your membership dues online at <https://brownsummit.memberhub.com/store>, send the form and dues to school with your student, or mail the form along with cash or check to the

school. Make checks payable to BSMS PTSA; mailing address: BSMS PTSA, 4720 NC Highway 150 E., Brown Summit, NC 27214.

6. How can I become more involved with the PTSA?

There is always a need for volunteers to work on initiatives such as staff appreciation, special events, and school beautification. All members are welcome to attend the monthly PTSA meetings, and board roles (i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) are filled by family volunteers. There are infinite opportunities to support your child's school, and all help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or ideas, or if you're interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Liz Sedgwick at [essedgwi@gmail.com](mailto:essedgwi@gmail.com).

The 2023-24 board is:

Liz Sedgwick, President [essedgwi@gmail.com](mailto:essedgwi@gmail.com)

Haley Lowder, Vice President

Tiffany Porter, Treasurer

Hope Layell, Secretary