

Recommendations for PT As Offering Childcare Services for PT A Activities

The Piano ISD Council of PTAs offers the following recommendations to local PTA units who are considering providing childcare services to their membership for PTA events or activities. These recommendations are not intended to encourage or discourage use of sitters for PT A activities. If the membership of the local unit is in favor of offering such services, then each local unit should set their own guidelines and revise their standing rules as such.

- Require reservations for the service that includes information about allergies, emergency notification, and age of child, etc.
- Contact PTA insurance company and inquire about liability coverage for sitters and the children in their care.
- Require all adult (not currently enrolled in a secondary school) sitters to submit and be given clearance for a criminal background check through PISD. PTAs may be asked to pay for the cost of the criminal background check.
- When you are using non-adult sitters have adult supervision of the sitters. (We recommend that all sitters be in middle school or older)
- Check with state agencies about the appropriate adult/child ratio for childcare.
- Decide on a minimum age or the maturity level of child you will accept for childcare services. (e.g. All children should be able to use the bathroom independently)
- A PTA Board Member should be given responsibility for the childcare program which would include monitoring compliance with the rules developed by the PT A.
- Establish guidelines for verifying that the child is picked up by the approved parent or guardian. (e.g. Parent and child wear matching wrist bands OR copy or keep photo ID until pickup)