

MISSOURI'S NUMBER-ONE ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION



# TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

ADVOCACY | RESOURCES | SUPPORT | BUYING POWER | VOICE

# MNEA MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Missouri NEA membership means benefits that help you provide the best possible education for the students in your school. Backed by the resources of the 3 million-member NEA, MNEA members enjoy a wide range of benefits that no other organization can match. Following are highlights of the benefits of membership.

## Advocacy and Representation

- The backing and the voice that comes with 3 million members nationwide
- Collective bargaining assistance for your salary, benefits, working conditions and job security
- Immediate, personal assistance from trained local leaders and professional staff
- Representation by attorneys trained in labor and school law
- \$4 million professional liability insurance
- Assistance in solving problems at your work site
- Workshops on school safety, school-employee rights and responsibilities, collective bargaining and school finance
- NEA's Student Debt Navigator, powered by Savi, which offers a free online student loan evaluation tool to for student loan debt relief

## Professional Resources

- Pay just \$225 for up to three online graduate courses spread over 12 months (up to nine graduate credits)
- An unmatched professional network, including collaborative online networking tools and resources; email lists; and local, state and national publications
- NEA edCOMMUNITIES at [www.myNEA360.org](http://www.myNEA360.org) for resources, lesson plans and collaboration with educators from across Missouri and the country
- Thousands of classroom-ready lessons developed by more than 130 master teachers who represent every K-12 grade level for blended lessons, math, science, and English language arts and literacy at [betterlesson.com](http://betterlesson.com), a partnership of NEA and Better Lesson
- Start Smart handbook and email list for beginning teachers
- "I Can Do It" Beginning Teacher Assistance Program for new teachers
- Teacher Leadership Competencies to guide the development of teacher leaders
- Grants for teaching projects and tuition reimbursement
- NEA Tools and Tips library of classroom tips on your smart phone or tablet through the MNEA mobile app
- Information and assistance for those interested in seeking National Board Certification

## Support for Children and Public Education

- Media campaigns to build community support for education and highlight your successes
- District-wide training to assist locals in building successful family-school-community partnerships
- Annual Read Across America celebration, including educational materials for families and schools
- Local association activities to secure community support and respect for quality education and education employees
- Materials to promote education excellence and parent involvement
- Statewide contests and recognition programs to promote great educators and student learning

## Big Savings with NEA's Buying Power

- More than 700,000 discounts on local dining, retail purchases, travel and recreation, automobiles and auto services, rental cars, NEA group insurance programs, graduate courses and more
- Two free legal consultations and discounts on legal services for personal matters (not related to employment)
- Experienced financial planning consultants to help with retirement planning, college savings and budgeting
- Credit cards; money markets; personal and home loans; discounted auto, home and life insurance; and more

## Your Voice at the Capitol

MNEA membership gives you a voice in policy making and decisions that improve education, reduce class size, ensure safe schools, secure technology resources and expand community involvement in schools. In addition, MNEA delivers the following:

- Full-time lobbyists working on your behalf in the Missouri legislature and U.S. Congress
- Daily and weekly state and federal legislative updates when legislators are in session
- Campaigns to elect pro-education lawmakers and work on ballot issues that affect public education



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