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Protect Public Education

Attend Capitol Action Days

Missouri NEA represents the interests of public education at the Capitol. Join your fellow educators to advocate for resources and policies which empower student success and quality public schools. Missouri legislators need to hear from you--the education professionals.

MNEA's Capitol Action Days are **Wednesdays during legislative session** (February through May). Sign up today at www.mnea.org/CAD.

SIGN UP TODAY



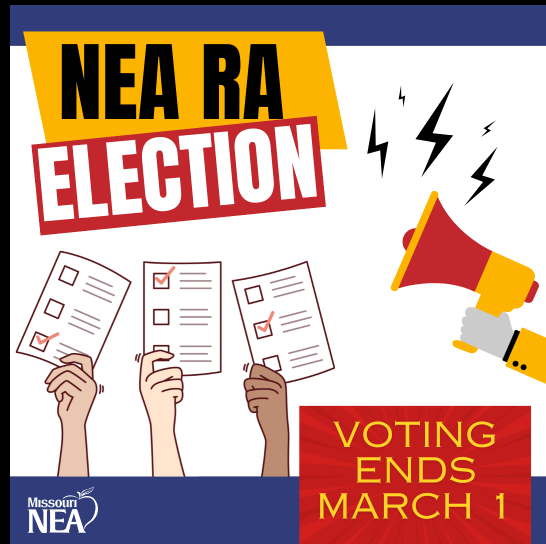
Listen to MNEA Connects Podcast

MNEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen discusses key legislation affecting public education.

The Missouri Legislature is introducing some potentially harmful bills this session. Stay up-to-date by reading the [MNEA Legislative Update](#) and listening to the MNEA Connects podcast.

MNEA believes education is one of the most crucial functions of our society and the greatest connector. The MNEA Connects podcast, which is released weekly, will help you connect policy to practice, professional development to career development, your community to schools, and legislation to Missouri public education.

[LISTEN & SUBSCRIBE](#)



Watch for Your Ballot

Your electronic ballot for the NEA RA state delegate election will be delivered to your email Feb. 1, 2024.

As a member of your local association, you are also a member of Missouri NEA, and the National Education Association.

The 2024 NEA Representative Assembly is scheduled to meet in Philadelphia July 3-7. The delegates will vote on NEA policy and the business of the association.

It's time to elect the Missouri NEA state delegates that will attend the national Representative Assembly. A secret ballot election to elect 21 NEA RA Category 1 state delegates and one Category 2 state delegate will be conducted by an electronic voting system between **Feb. 1 and March 1.**

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JUDGES NEEDED

 EDUCATORS
RISING Competitions



Want to be a presenter at the Educators Rising Missouri State Conference?

Wed., March 6, 2024

Westminster College, Fulton, MO

Registration Deadline: Jan. 31

Missouri NEA is the state regional coordinator for Educators Rising, which is either a CTE course or an extracurricular chapter made up of students who are interested in a profession in Education. Similar to other student organizations, Educators Rising has competitions that help students creatively explore professions and skills in Education.

Share your knowledge: MNEA is currently accepting session proposals.

[Submit a proposal >](#)

Volunteer to be a judge or timekeeper: MNEA is enlisting the help of our members. We need judges, room monitors, and timekeepers for the student competitions.

[Volunteer now >](#)

Questions?

Contact Laurie Bernskoetter with the MNEA Teaching & Learning office at (573) 644-9623 or the Educators Rising Coordinator Samantha Hayes at samantha.hayes@mnea.org.

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Apply for \$400 CHEER Grant

Don't miss your chance to apply for the CHEER Grant. All applications must be received by Feb. 1.

MNEA-Retired created the CHEER grant to support educators and support staff with classroom, school, library, workroom, and other expenses. But, in order to receive the money, you must apply.

Learn more at www.mnea.org/CHEER.

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Micro-credentials

Free to MNEA members

Want to learn something new, get a refresher, or master a particular professional practice, but don't have a lot of time to dedicate to college courses? Browse NEA's Micro-Credentials Certification Library. Whatever your experience level, you will be sure to find a course to extend or refresh your professional practice skills.

Members have the option of one hour of graduate credit per micro-credential achieved for \$80 through Baker University.

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Public Schools Week

Feb. 26-March 1

Show that you are proud to work in a public school.

Do you work in a Missouri public school? Be proud of the work that you do to educate more than 850,000 students who attend Missouri public schools.

Show your support for Missouri public schools by ordering an "I Love Missouri Public Schools" T-shirt. Wear your shirt to remind your community that public schools are an important part of the American dream. Together, we can protect public school funding, increase educator pay, and ensure our public schools are safe for all students.

Order your T-shirts at www.mnea.org/store. There are 11 shirt options to show you are public school proud.

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PSRS-PEERS Board of Trustees Report

MNEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen attends the PSRS-PEERS Board of Trustees meetings.

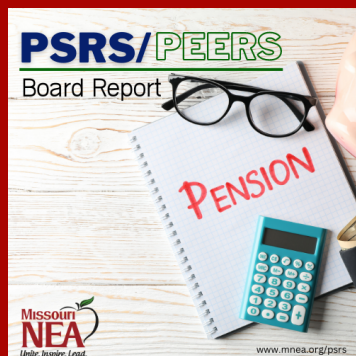
Read the Dec. 11th meeting report, which includes approval of the annual audit, investment performance, expected issues in the 2024 legislative session, and the CPI-U update, which dictates whether retirees will receive a COLA increase to their pension.

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Tuition Grant

If you are a **probationary teacher** or **education support professional** taking college courses, apply for the MNEA/Reliant Financial Services Tuition Grant by **Jan. 31**. A drawing will be held Feb. 8, and **ten \$500 grants** will be awarded to MNEA members who receive a "C" or above for any course taken to advance their career in education.

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**Happy New Year
from Horace
Mann**

Missouri NEA's long-time corporate partner wishes you a happy

and prosperous new year!

As we enter 2024, Horace Mann is here to help you protect what you have today and prepare for a successful tomorrow. To learn more about Horace Mann, visit www.horacemann.com.



National Board Certification

Teachers report obtaining National Board Certification is one of the most rewarding experiences in their careers. It is a journey filled with self-exploration and examining practices that leads to more success as an educator. Let MNEA help you with your journey. The offerings listed below are free to members and non-members.

Exploring National Board (Virtual)

7 PM | Mon., Jan. 29

7 PM | Mon., April 22

This 1.5-hour virtual session is free and meant for educators who want more information about the National Board Certification process. You will hear about what it takes to achieve this gold standard of teaching certification; what benefits you may be entitled to as an NBCT; and the support MNEA will provide to help you with the process.

National Board Candidate Boost Days (Virtual)

Sat., Feb. 24

Sat., April 6

These workdays are for all National Board Certification first-time candidates, advanced candidates, and renewal candidates submitting one or more components during the 2023-2024 school year. Bring your component work and questions for this workday. Current NBCTs and mentors will be present to give you feedback.

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The NEA

Foundation Grants & Fellowships

MNEA members have the opportunity to receive funding for their innovative ideas that help students have successful outcomes. Your project could receive up to \$5,000. **The application deadline for this grant cycle is Feb. 1.** Don't be discouraged if you miss the deadline. There are three application cycles per year. [Learn More >](#)



Submit your School Board Recommendations

Who is your local association going to recommend in the April School Board election? MNEA Political Director Elizabeth Zerr is ready to advise your local association on developing questionnaires, campaigns, and PAC drives. Submit your local association recommendations for school board to MNEA by Feb. 19, at www.mnea.org/schoolboardrecform.



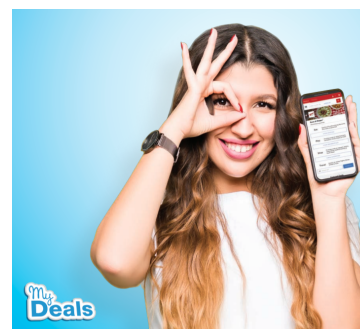
MNEA Member Benefits Save You Money.



MNEA Attorney Referral Program



Life insurance. Help protect your family with



My Deals App
Access discounts easily on your smartphone with the My Deals mobile app.

Discount on Personal Legal Fees

Did you know that as a member of MNEA you receive two free 30-minute consultations per year and a 30 percent discount on legal fees by using one of the participating attorneys? MNEA members and their immediate family have access to the Attorney Referral Program to help with legal representation for domestic relations, consumer protections, real estate, wills and estates, and traffic violations. Check the list of participating attorneys at www.mnea.org/arp.

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no cost to you.

NEA provides every member life and accident insurance at no cost. All you have to do is register your beneficiaries. NEA's Complimentary Life Insurance has four levels of coverage: \$1,000 of life insurance, up to \$5,000 of AD&D coverage, \$50,000 AD&D coverage for on-the-job accidents, and \$150,000 life insurance for an unlawful homicide while on the job.

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