

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

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Mission Statement: The mission of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, is to improve the lives of our members and their families, to give voice to their legitimate professional, economic and social aspirations, to strengthen the institutions in which we work, to improve the quality of the services we provide, to bring together all members to assist and support one another and to promote democracy, human rights and freedom in our union, in our nation and throughout the world.

History & General Information: The AFT was formed in 1916 to represent classroom teachers. It currently represents teachers; paraprofessionals and school-related personnel; local, state and federal employees; higher education faculty and staff; and nurses and other healthcare professionals. The AFT has 43 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local affiliates throughout the nation. It is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

SOURCE: www.aft.org

BASIC FACTS

Location Washington, DC

President/Director Edward J. McElroy

Number of Staff Approximately 300

Membership More than 1.3 million members

FISCAL DATA

The AFT is a 501(c)(5) Labor, Agricultural and Horticultural Organization. For the tax year ending on June 30, 2005, it had total assets of just over \$23 million and total revenue of more than \$119 million. Much of its revenue comes from member dues and assessments.

Major Initiatives

The American Federation of Teachers holds regular national conventions for its members and hosts events focused on specialized topics, such as: the Quality Educational Standards in Teaching conference and the National Higher Education Issues conference. The organization also runs the AFT Legislative Action Center and conducts annual salary surveys.

AFT publications include:

- Survey and Analysis of Teacher Salary Trends
- *American Teacher* monthly newspaper
- *American Educator* quarterly magazine
- *American Academic* policy journal
- *PSRP Reporter*, a publication of AFT's Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel Division

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