

National Education Association (NEA)

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Mission Statement: To fulfill the promise of a democratic society, the National Education Association shall promote the cause of quality public education and advance the profession of education; expand the rights and further the interest of educational employees; and advocate human, civil, and economic rights for all.

History & General Information: The National Education Association (NEA) was founded in 1857 to "advance the interests of the profession of teaching and to promote the cause of popular education in the United States." In 1966, it merged with the American Teachers Association. In February 2006, the NEA and the AFL-CIO reached an agreement to permit NEA local affiliates to become AFL-CIO affiliates.

SOURCE: www.nea.org

BASIC FACTS

Location Washington, DC
President/Director Reg Weaver
Number of Staff 555
Membership 2.8 million members

FISCAL DATA

The NEA is a 501(c)(5) Labor, Agricultural and Horticultural Organization. The organization is funded primarily by member dues and assessments. For the tax year ending August 31, 2005, it received membership dues and assessments totaling just over \$290 million and had total revenues of more than \$300 million.

Major Initiatives

Contact Information

The National Education Association host frequent conventions and events, including: the NEA Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly, Regional Leadership Conferences, and Minority Leadership Training Seminars. The organizations runs the NEA Legislative Action Center and engages in public outreach through television, radio, and print advertising.

NEA publications include:

- *NEA Today* magazine
- *This Active Life* magazine for retirees
- *Tomorrow's Teachers* magazine for student members
- *Higher Education Advocate* newsletter
- *Thought & Action* journal on higher education
- Rankings & Estimates annual research on education statistics

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Notes

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