

# AEA

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## Member Benefits

### [Help Your Classroom from California Casualty](#)

Enter drawing to win a \$200 donation to Help Your Classroom. The AEA Auto & Home Insurance Program, provided by California Casualty, is offering educators a special opportunity to participate in a monthly drawing to help their class! [Complete an Online Auto Quote](#) and automatically be entered. It's that simple. Enter today!

### [DOVE Program/Local Benefit](#)

Discounts on Vehicles for Educators (DOVE) is an AEA member benefit for members and their immediate family members. DOVE offers deals on new and pre-owned vehicles, all makes and models. For more information, please contact Larry Green at 602-290-6212 or visit [www.doveprogram.org](http://www.doveprogram.org).

### [NEA Click & Save "Buy-lights" for July 2014](#)

NEA Click & Save, the online discount buying service for NEA members, highlights select retailers and merchants each month. Remember Dads and Grads this month, and check out these featured "Buy-lights" for July!

- Six Flags: Save up to 35% on theme park tickets
- Sears: Get \$35 off orders of \$300 or more, plus free shipping on orders of \$59 or more

## AEA News

### [NEA RA](#)

The NEA Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly just concluded business in Denver. [Read all about it on NEA's website](#), including the election of new NEA officers and delegates saying a fond farewell to past AEA president and outgoing NEA President Dennis Van Roekel.

### [AEA Member Recognized for Political Activism](#)

AEA is proud to announce one of our own, PUHSD CTA President Paul Lowes, was named a 2014 NEA Political Activist of the Year finalist for his passion and dedication to his profession, building communities, and great public schools for every child.

### [Huppenthal deserves to be voted out—soon](#)

Read and share AEA President Andrew F. Morrill's letter to the editor of the *AZ Republic* regarding Superintendent Huppenthal's lack of leadership and credibility. Send us a copy or link if you have sent a letter to your local newspaper.

### [We Won't Give Up](#)

National Education Association President Dennis Van Roekel is angry at people who would treat our children as commodities in order to yield profits, attack educators and create conflict rather than actually work to improve public education for all our students. [Watch and hear what he has to say](#).

### [An open letter from the NEA and the educators of America](#)

Join our national campaign to put the focus of public education on student learning. Sign and share this letter at [www.nea.org/StopToxicTests](http://www.nea.org/StopToxicTests).

### [AEA Member to Receive National Recognition](#)

Congrats to AEA member Rachel Stafford, named by The NEA Foundation a 2015 California Casualty Awards for Teaching Excellence recipient!

## Education Grants and Resources

- BackCountry.com: Save up to 70% on selected outdoor and back country gear
- Kmart: Save an extra \$10 off \$100 or more; get free shipping on orders of \$59 or more
- Champs Sports: Save \$30 on purchases of \$200
- OneCart: Get up to 35% off movie tickets
- Nike: Enjoy free shipping on orders of \$75 or more

Be sure to check C&S often for unadvertised, limited time offers, including discount dining certificates from Restaurant.com. Join the 330,300 NEA members already registered for NEA Click & Save. Go to [www.neamb.com/clickandsave](http://www.neamb.com/clickandsave) and start shopping today!

### **Get an Extra \$5 Off through the NEA Magazine Service!**

The NEA Magazine Service® is offering special savings on more than 145 magazines. Get \$5 off already discounted prices on great titles such as Bon Appetit, Money, Vegetarian Times, Sports Illustrated, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, People, and more.

This is a limited time offer, so take advantage of these great deals today. Go to [www.neamaq.com/5savings](http://www.neamaq.com/5savings) to place your order!

### **Don't Let Summer Escape You—Escape with a Vehicle from Hertz!**

There's no reason not to plan that last getaway before summer's end. Take advantage of special member rates on renting a car, truck, or minivan from Hertz! NEA members can save up to 25% by referencing the discount code CDP# 50655 when making a reservation. Plus, combine your member discount with a Special Hertz offer to save even MORE!

Go to [www.neamb.com/hertz](http://www.neamb.com/hertz) often to find great offers, make a reservation, and to enroll in the fee-waived Hertz

### **Join the NEA GPS Network**

The GPS Network is a free, open-to-everyone, online professional learning community created and maintained by the National Education Association to connect educators, parents, and stakeholders in public education who want to connect, collaborate, share, and learn. Using a discussion-group format, it provides searchable data and resources that allow users to know what is important and to share what works for great public schools to support student success. Anyone can become a member, anyone can start or join a discussion group, and anyone can share resources and post questions, ideas, and experiences with other site members. The NEA's strength lies in its over 3 million members, its local affiliates, and its state affiliates, all of whom are committed to providing great public schools for every student. The Great Public Schools Network is an online platform designed to empower users to do just that. Get involved with the other great minds in education today at [www.gpsnetwork.org](http://www.gpsnetwork.org).

### **Arizona Teacher of the Year Nominations**

The Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) Arizona Teacher of the Year program spotlights the contributions of outstanding public school teachers throughout Arizona. This award program annually recognizes 10 exceptionally skilled and dedicated pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public school teachers. Nominees are those individuals who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. They play an active and useful role in their communities as well as their schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders. They have a superior ability to help all students achieve.

AEF is accepting nominations for AEF's 2015 Arizona Teacher of the Year until August 1, 2014. [Apply online](#).

### **Thomson Reuters/ASIS&T: Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award**

The Thomson Reuters Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award recognizes the unique teaching contribution of an individual as a teacher of information science. Winners will receive: \$1,000; \$500 towards travel or other expenses to the grant recipient, contingent upon the recipient's attending the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) annual meeting, and \$250 to ASIS&T Headquarters towards administrative fees. Eligibility is open to individuals directly engaged in teaching some aspect of information science on a continuing basis, in an academic or a non-academic setting. [Apply online](#) by August 1, 2014.

### **NCTM: Using Mathematics to Teach Music**

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Using Mathematics to Teach Music grant encourages the incorporation of music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. Any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the

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### **[Save on Classroom Resources & Décor with SmileMakers](#)**

Getting your classroom ready for your new students is both fun and economical with SmileMakers. Right now, NEA members can enjoy back-to-school savings of up to 50%, plus get free shipping on orders of \$25 or more—even in Alaska and Hawaii! Choose from teaching tools to classroom decorations and organizers, including the most in-demand themed products to inspire, motivate, reward and celebrate.

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primary focus of the grant. Proposals must address the following: the combining of mathematics and music; the plan for improving students' learning of mathematics; and the anticipated impact on students' achievement. Individual classroom teachers or small groups of teachers currently teaching mathematics in grades PreK-2 level who are also (as of October 15, 2014) Full Individual or e-Members of NCTM or teach in a school with a current (as of October 15, 2014) NCTM PreK-8 school membership are eligible to apply for this \$3,000 grant. **[Apply online](#)** by November 7, 2014.

### **[NSTA/Vernier Software & Technology: Vernier Technology Awards](#)**

National Science Teachers Association Vernier Technology Awards recognize the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom. Winners will receive \$1,000 towards expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference, \$1,000 in cash for the teacher, and \$1,000 in Vernier products. **[Apply online](#)** by November 30, 2014.

### **[National Association of Independent Schools: Challenge 20/20](#)**

National Association of Independent Schools Challenge 20/20 Program provides an opportunity for schools to develop globally based, experiential curricula and to build educational partnerships with schools around the world. Challenge 20/20 students form authentic bonds with students from across the globe, and learn first-hand about cross-cultural communication; together, teams tackle real problems. This program is open to elementary and secondary schools, public or private, located anywhere in the world. **[Apply online](#)** by August 15, 2014.

### **[Back-to-School Toolkit from NEA Member Benefits](#)**

NEA Member Benefits wants to help you start the new school year right with all the resources you need for personal and professional success. NEA MB's specially designed Back-to-School Toolkit focuses on many aspects of managing your classroom, controlling your finances, enhancing your professional experience, and maintaining work/life balance. Visit [www.neamb.com/backtoschool](http://www.neamb.com/backtoschool) to learn more about:

- Resources for your classroom: Classroom management "bag of tricks," having a successful back-to-school night, helping students with medical needs, conquering common back-to-school stressors, and more!
- Ways to stretch your back-to-school budget: Budget-friendly resources for educators, 7 steps to an A+ back-to-school wardrobe, ways to save on classroom rewards, stretching your supplies budget, and more!
- Resources for your professional development: Reawakening your joy of learning, finding/becoming a mentor, professional development courses for under

\$100, how to find free money for continuing education, and more!

- Tips for taking care of yourself: Habits of a healthy educator, ideas for fast and nutritious breakfasts, getting fit with your students, achieving work/life balance, and more!

Visit [www.neamb.com/backtoschool](http://www.neamb.com/backtoschool) to take advantage of your exclusive, NEA members-only, Back-to-School Toolkit resources. Have a fantastic school year!

### **[Get the Support You Need with Tools Aligned to State Standards & CCSS](#)**

Through a partnership with the NEA Academy, Learning Bridges offers a way for educators to efficiently stay up-to-date with both State Standards by Grade Level and the Common Core State Standards using the "Teacher Support Tool". This annual subscription provides online access to five valuable tools:

- Instructional Strategies – ranked in order of their power to impact student achievement
- Lesson Plans – ready-to-use for every grade level, K-12
- Parent Activities – to engage parents in their child's learning (English and Spanish)
- Professional Development – unlimited online access to nearly 50 standards-aligned courses
- National Online Community – where educators can ask and answer questions in an online forum

Limited time offer for NEA Members: \$95 Annual Subscription Fee (That's 40% OFF!) Drawn from the Learning Bridges® Online Professional Development System for teachers, the courses included in this offering have been shown to have a significantly high impact on student achievement, plus they're available 24/7 online!

For more information on the "Teacher Support Tool" and other courses from Learning Bridges, please visit: [www.neacademy.org/learningbridges](http://www.neacademy.org/learningbridges).

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