



# The Virginia Education Association

4 Reasons to Join Your  
Professional Organization Today!



# 1. Influence

- We are the largest organization of professional educators in Virginia.
- We challenge the powers-that-be to do what is right for students and those who work in public education.
- Our local Associations throughout the state make up a powerful network to support good working conditions and salaries for employees, and good learning conditions for students.

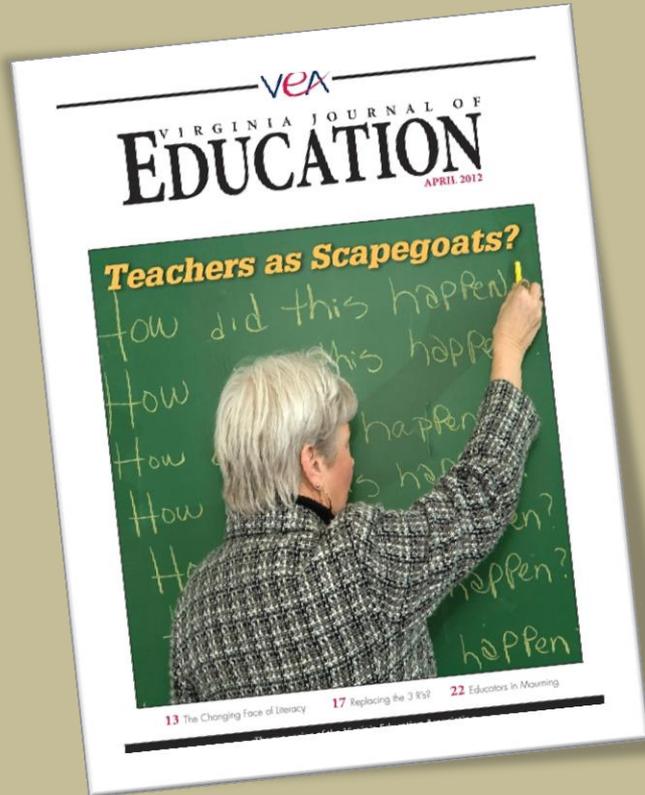


# RECENT WINS

- Drew some 2,000 public education supporters to the Put Kids First rally in Richmond, shining the light on the needs of our students and schools.
- Reduced the number of Standards of Learning tests burdening our students and educators.
- We helped secure funds from the state for a teacher salary increase.
- We preserved Continuing Contract and due process rights for teachers.
- We got strong anti-bullying language written into the Code of Virginia.



## 2. Professional Resources



**We provide numerous avenues for professional growth:**

- *Virginia Journal of Education* delivered to you 6 times per year
- Free or low-cost VEA workshops on topics such as classroom management and MODEL Teacher
- VEA Mini-Grants of up to \$500
- Discounts on classroom supplies and resources from NEA Member Benefits
- NEA Academy—online graduate studies programs.

# 3. Advocacy and Legal Protection

- It takes only one unfounded accusation to turn your career upside down. If the worst happens, your Association membership is your lifeline.
- You'll be represented by a skilled, locally-based VEA/NEA UniServ Director and, if necessary, an attorney.
- You'll be covered by the Association Educators Employment Liability policy with its \$1 million of insurance for claims relating to your education employment activities.
- For details of coverage, contact your local Association or VEA.



## 4. Membership Can Actually Save You \$\$\$



- Through programs offered by NEA Member Benefits, Association members can potentially save hundreds of dollars per year or more.
- VEA's Access to Savings program, along with its mobile app, gives members great discounts at restaurants, stores and service providers across the country, including over 10,000 deals in Virginia alone. For details, go to [www.veanea.org/Access](http://www.veanea.org/Access).

# Among the savings you can get through NEA Member Benefits



**NEW!**

Introducing the NEA Smart Option Student Loan by Sallie Mae

If you are looking for a better way to pay for college, the NEA can help. Introducing the new NEA® Smart Option Student Loan® by Sallie Mae®. With competitive interest rates between **2.25% APR to 9.37% APR**, you can borrow up to 100% of your undergraduate or graduate school expenses (minimum \$1,000) with no origination fees or prepayment penalties.\* Flexible repayment options let you pay a little while in school or defer the payments until after graduation.\* Plus, the **NEA Exclusive Rate Reduction** lets you reduce your interest rate by a quarter percentage point for every consecutive on-time payment.

Competitive Interest Rates



**FREE Upgrade!**

Combine with your NEA Discount!

Get a one car class upgrade when you rent an economy through full-size car at the Airport or in Your Neighborhood and include **PC# 150533** in your reservation. Combine this reusable offer with your discount **CDP# 50655** for additional savings of up to 25% on Hertz rentals.

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- Auto and homeowners insurance
- Home financing
- Click & Save—online discounts from Target, Land’s End, and many others
- Discounted car rentals
- Check out [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com) for more!
- VEA also offers discounts on entertainment, T-Mobile phones and service, BJ’s Wholesale Clubs, and more. Check out [www.veanea.org/savings](http://www.veanea.org/savings).

# Join us today! Here's how:

- Sign up today using the Membership Forms provided.
- Contact your local Association president, building representative, or UniServ office.
- Call VEA at 1-800-552-9554.
- Sign up online at [www.veanea.org/home/join-vea.htm](http://www.veanea.org/home/join-vea.htm) and pay with a major credit card! *(Note: If you choose this option, you cannot use payroll deductions for your dues payments.)*



# Remember...

**All of us, joining together, can achieve so much more than one individual.**

Joining benefits not only you, it benefits your colleagues and your students—because a strong membership allows VEA to promote positive change for public education.

