

About NewEd

Mission:

In the spirit of organizing new educators to action, service, and engagement, NewEd seeks to promote interaction amongst novice teachers throughout the association bridging the gap between graduating SVEA members, VEA Sparkers, and new educators to enhance the member experience with a commitment to building a community of peers. NewEd aims to unite and empower members to not only reach their full potential in the classroom, but to also further explore leadership potential within the association.

Goals:

- Provide a support system for new educators.
- Build a bridge of membership from SVEA to VEA.
- Increase VEA membership across the state.
- Create a community of new educators who support each other, the community, and the association.

Ideas:

- Resource/Lesson Plan Library
- Community Service Events
- VEA Member Mentoring
- SVEA Adopt a School
- Workshops geared toward new teachers/SVEA members

NewEd Frequently Asked Questions

1) Will these activities take place regionally or will they start in one part of the state?

Our goal is to have strong networks of NewEd in each concentrated region of the state. We currently have a planning committee comprised of members from the Northern, Central and Eastern region of the state. By fall 2017 we hope to reach out to the Valley, Western, and Southwestern regions. We are going to begin with a focus on the Tidewater area for the first semester with carefully planned meeting and socials and then hope to branch to the Central and Northern region by January 2017.

2) How do members join? How will members communicate with each other?

For the time being, members will be prompted to join through a QR code located on advertising materials including contact cards, brochures, and flyers. The planning committee is in the process of exploring utilizing an app as a communication platform where members will be able to subscribe to communicate on discussion boards, find events/socials in the area, and have access to a resource library. Members across the state will have access to this networking platform unifying NewEd members from across the state.

3) How will NewEd endeavors be funded?

NewEd will seek funding from the community, through grants including the VEA TOP Grant, and also through fundraising and merchandise sale efforts.

NewEd Timeline

Date	Event	Notes
March 19th	Project Start	SVEA Convention
March 29 th	Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting
April 7 – 9	VEA Convention	Introduce New Educators Caucus
April – May	Recruitment Across State	Reach out to SPARKS attendants, attend last SVEA general meetings, and reach out to building reps for new teacher’s information
June	“Year One Done” Meeting	Celebration for those that are already VEA members, planning/board meeting
June 21 – 23	Southwest Organizing Institute	Recruitment
July 1 – 3	Reggie Smith Organizing School	Pre-session/Recruitment
August	“Surviving the First Years” Meeting	Share resources. Get to know you activities, information about meetings/events
October	“The First Four Weeks” Meeting	Halloween related activities/Trick or Vote
November 18 – 19	IPD Conference	Workshop for new teachers; Workshop for SVEA members
December	“Winter Break” Meeting	Social/Secret Santa
February	“Heart/Health/Love” Meeting	Speed dating style sharing ideas from our classroom; talk about stress
March	SPARKS	Invite NewEd members to participate or help facilitate
March – April	VEA Delegate Assembly	New Educator Caucus/Vendor/Share successes
March - April	SVEA Convention	“I’m Graduating...Now What?” Workshop
June	“Summer Send Off” Meeting	End of the year social with graduating SVEA members