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TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT PROGRAM

WHAT THE TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT PROGRAM CAN DO FOR YOU:

- ✓ A support network of over 65,000 professional educators helping you transition from student to teacher.
- ✓ First-to-know resources from the TSTA newsletter to the statewide magazine, *The Advocate*.
- ✓ Discounts on many services and products including auto and life insurance as well as travel and entertainment packages.
- ✓ A strong voice in the Texas Legislature and Congress. TSTA and NEA are always working to improve salaries, working conditions and benefits for educators.

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TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

TSTA Student Program

FROM COLLEGE TO COLLEAGUE

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SURVIVING YOUR FIRST YEAR TEACHING

FINDING A JOB — IT'S NOT JUST WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF A TEACHER'S SALARY



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YOUR GUIDE AS YOU GO FROM COLLEGE TO COLLEAGUE



We all have our reasons for why we got into education—some of us want to make a difference, while others want to follow in our parents' footsteps of teaching. There's one thing 65,000 professional members of the Texas State Teachers Association have in common: we all care about kids.

Teachers are always looking out for others, but who is looking out for teachers?

By becoming a member of Texas State Teachers Association Student Program (TSTA-SP) you will not only get a support network of educators to help guide you from student to professional educator, you'll find a place where like-minded individuals have the same goals as your own.

TSTA-SP isn't about elbowing and schmoozing your way to the top. It's about working together to build brighter futures, supporting one another and making our voices heard.

THIS IS TSTA-SP.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF SURVIVING YOUR FIRST YEAR TEACHING

DO take advantage of the discounts and savings on services and products from health insurance to home loans to travel exclusive to TSTA-SP members.

DON'T pay full price. No one is going to get rich teaching, but that doesn't mean you can't get a good deal.

DO tap into TSTA-SP networking events. Even educators need a colleague to turn to for special advice. Visit www.tsta.org for more details.

DON'T be a loner. The first year can be tough and knowing people with the same goals as you can ease the transition.

DO get a life-line. Call 877-ASK-TSTA to get your hard-to-ask questions answered and your concerns addressed.

DON'T be afraid to ask for help; even professionals have questions. Join TSTA-SP and get the tools you need to become an even better teacher.

2008-09 TSTA/NEA STUDENT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

FIRST NAME, MI, LAST NAME	NEA/TSTA-SP/DUES	LOCAL DUES	PAC** (\$2 suggested amount)	TOTAL PAID
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR P.O. BOX NUMBER)	ETHNIC CODES (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian (Not of Spanish Origin) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-ethnic <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <small>Ethnicity information is optional and failure to provide it will in no way affect your membership status, rights or benefits in NEA, TSTA or any of their affiliates. This information will be kept confidential.</small>			
CITY, STATE, ZIP	PLEASE HELP US BY FILLING IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION Graduation Date: _____ I will be student teaching: Fall _____ Spring _____ Class: Fr. _____ So. _____ Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Other _____ _____ Please check if you would like to receive TSTA's weekly email Briefing.			
AREA CODE/HOME PHONE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS	MEMBER SIGNATURE			
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DATE (Month, Day, Year)			

Texas State Teachers Association Student Program is the college or university affiliate of the National Education Association and the Texas State Teachers Association. TSTA-SP is jointly sponsored by TSTA and NEA. Its primary purpose is to provide college and university students who are in teacher training with professional experience and training in the work of professional organizations at the local, state and national levels.

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