



WHAT STUDENT MEMBERS CAN DO

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Think you can't make a difference in the lives of students until *after* you get your teaching degree? Think again!

NEA's Priority Schools Campaign needs the energy and passion of student educators to help give every child a great public school. Many of today's students face tremendous challenges to academic success. The Priority Schools Campaign is the work of NEA members in struggling schools to meet those challenges and close student achievement gaps for all students.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Whether you're in your freshman or senior year, there are many ways you can make a powerful difference in the lives of K-12 students:

Dig deeper. Make it a point to explore the emerging research on the brain, the needs of urban learners, English language learners, and special needs students, no matter what your major happens to be.

Collaborate with your local. Help organize your NEA Student Program chapter to work collaboratively with your local Association. Find out how the local Association supports new teachers, and work with them to enhance new teacher mentoring programs.

Create partnerships. Does your local school district have a teacher induction program or a partnership with your college of education? If so, find out how partners can work together to improve your induction into the profession. If not, start the conversation!

Volunteer in a Priority school.

This is a great way to find out the local policies and practices that will impact you as a new teacher. In return, you'll be helping the teachers and students in that school become more successful through the support you provide.

Join NEA's popular Outreach to Teach project.

Each summer, NEA Student members—along with other partners—paint, landscape, repair fences, build shelves, create bulletin boards, provide new materials and equipment, and make other improvements to a selected Priority school. Can't attend the national Outreach to Teach event? Help your chapter plan your own event to make a difference in your community.

Apply for a grant. The Community Learning Through America's Schools (CLASS) grant program awards \$1,000 to NEA Student Program chapters to address a local need such as a homework hotline, tutoring program, or family math night that benefits the school and community.

For more information on NEA's Priority Schools Campaign and how you can help, and to explore the resources NEA has developed, visit www.nea.org/priorityschools.



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