



Why choose the Kentucky Education Association?

KEA is much more than its name implies. KEA is the largest educator labor organization in the state, with members in every school district in the Commonwealth. For more than 163 years, educators have relied on KEA to unite, organize, and empower them to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

No other organization compares to KEA. If you want to make a difference for yourself, for your colleagues and for your students, join KEA today! KEA.org

KEA is a democracy.

KEA's strength lies in its members, who write their own governance documents and elect their own leaders at the local, district, state, and national levels of the organization. If you are looking for leadership opportunities, KEA is the place for you.

KEA supports you wherever you are.

KEA employs associate and professional staff who work in locations throughout the state. Every local association and individual member has an assigned UniServ Director. UniServ Directors help grow strong local associations and provide one-on-one advocacy for individual employment issues, including workplace grievances, improvement plans, and evaluation appeals.

KEA values collective action.

Working together to achieve common goals is what KEA is all about. Nearly 1/3 of our Active members work under collectively-bargained agreements; no other educator organization in the state can say the same.



Strength in our numbers.

KEA includes more than 43,000 Active, Retired, and Aspiring Educator members who work, live, and learn in every county in Kentucky.

KEA values professionalism.

We define professionalism as modeling expertise directed by sound judgment, empathy, and high standards. KEA helps you improve your professional practice by offering over 100 distinct training opportunities each year, both in person and virtually. We can help you with National Board certification, micro-credentialing, equity training, and so much more. Check out our high quality, accessible offerings at www.kea.org/professionalism.

KEA values advocacy.

KEA has a long history of effectively communicating with decisionmakers to promote the interests of school employees and public education. From individual meetings with local officials, to organizing conversations with legislators during Days of Learning, to successfully galvanizing thousands of members to march up Capital Avenue to protest changes to public pensions during the spring of 2018, KEA is the preeminent voice of public education.