



Member Benefits

There is value in belonging to your Association. As a member, you are provided legal protection, liability insurance, discount programs, and access to full-time advocacy staff.

The value and benefits of Association membership pay for themselves.

- 1 Members are covered by a \$1,000,000 liability policy.
- 2 Members qualify for the NEA Member Benefits Program where they can save money on mortgages, personal loans, credit cards, insurance, rental cars, and many other services.
- 3 UEA Legal services are available for problems you may encounter while teaching. No other association provides an on-site attorney.
- 4 Members may be assisted by the UniServ staff (advocates). Granite UniServ has two (2) full-time professional staff representatives to help members as problems occur.



A United Voice

Granite UniServ members join thousands of other Association members in Utah and millions of educators from across the nation to be a unified voice for public education.

By joining with other educators, we empower ourselves to preserve and promote a quality education for all Utah children. We also ensure that we have the ability to maintain competitive salaries and benefits. The Association also lobbies on Capitol Hill and negotiates with Granite School District to improve working conditions and ensure adequate resources.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

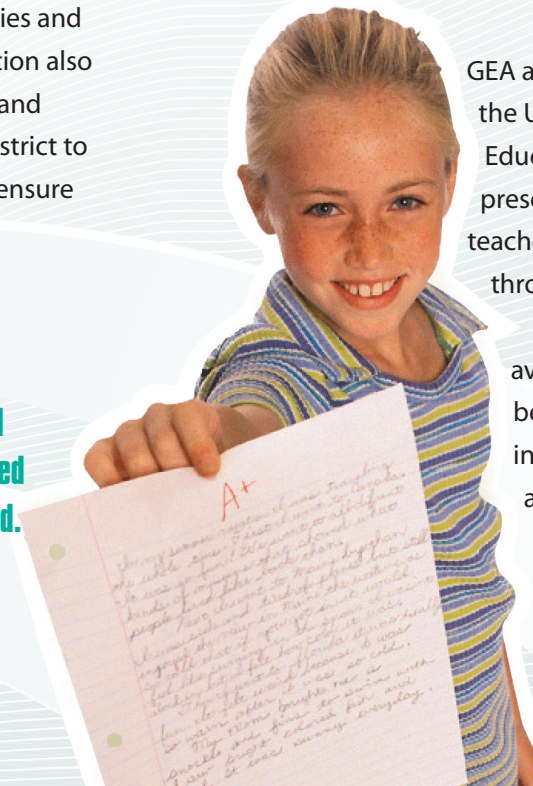
— Margaret Meade

Professional Development

Today there are ever-increasing demands on education and on teachers. As professional educators, we must continue to improve our skills and provide students with opportunities to achieve success. State requirements for new teachers entering the profession have also increased in recent years.

Granite UniServ and the UEA will provide opportunities to train in new skills and to enhance your professional development

GEA and UEA also cooperate with the Utah State Office of Education and local districts to present and organize new teacher mentor programs. Finally, through the NEA, there are resources and research available that can help you become a better teacher and increase your students’ achievement.





Why People Belong

There are several reasons why educators choose to join their local Association.



- 1 **Professionals join their professional organizations** (e.g. lawyers belong to the Bar Association, and Doctors join the AMA).
- 2 During their careers, educators may need professional help (legal services, mediation, assistance with district administrators, etc.).

- 3 The majority of Granite teachers join GEA, and this allows a *strong, united voice* for education.
- 4 The Association has negotiated your salary, benefits, and the rights you now enjoy.
- 5 The Association is your professional advocate.
- 6 The Association promotes professionalism (e.g. Association training, professional development, workshops, etc.).

United Membership

Membership in the Association is a united membership in your local (Granite), state (UEA), and national (NEA) organizations. This structure gives our members a strong voice at all levels. On the local level, the Granite UniServ works closely with UEA in advocating for you with the State Legislature and the Utah State Office of Education. NEA is the teachers' voice on national issues and federal legislation (e.g. "No Child left Behind" and IDEA laws). NEA leads the way in protecting public education and lobbying for more federal funding.

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