

SEAN CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

Student Education Association of Nebraska

A. Promote the Education Profession

1. Teacher Salaries: The Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) support adequate increases in compensation annually for Nebraska teachers and encourages its members to sign contracts only with school districts that practice this same philosophy. (80,88)
2. Public Relations: SEAN supports its local chapters in promoting the public relations of their organization. (81,88,04)
3. Meeting with state Affiliates: SEAN encourages the practice of holding joint meetings with other National Education Association Student Program state affiliates. (81,88)
4. Student Organizations: SEAN encourages the joint cooperation of local affiliates and other student organizations. (82,88)
5. Education of Students: SEAN supports only those groups whose philosophies and activities positively affect the education of all students. (82,88)
6. Salary Increase: SEAN supports increasing salaries for the teachers of Nebraska and supports the Nebraska State Education Association's (NSEA) views on the issue. (84,88)
7. Planning Time: SEAN supports any measure to provide elementary teachers with a 45 minute planning period within the standard school day. (87,88)
8. Educator Recognition: SEAN supports American Education Week and National Teacher Day. SEAN further supports Nebraska Teacher Day and Education Support Professionals Day. (87,88,04)
9. Para-Professionals: SEAN supports efforts that advocate the continuing professionalism of Para educators, including the support for adequate salaries and continuing education. As the population of exceptional learners continues to increase in school classrooms it is important to support the need for trained professionals to assist classroom teachers. Any attempts to decrease salaries, benefits, and tuition assistance, or otherwise negatively impact the ability of Para professionals to be adequately compensated should be resisted. (12)

B. Promote Student Input in Matters Affecting the Profession

1. Voting Rights: SEAN supports a concerted effort to obtain a voting membership on the NSEA Board of Directors and every NSEA standing committee. (75,88,04)
2. United Education Profession: SEAN reaffirms its belief in the United Education Profession by supporting the NEA-SP and its officers. (76,88)
3. Pre-professional Involvement: SEAN encourages pre-professional involvement at the NSEA Leadership Conference, SEAN regional meetings, Fall Conference and SEAN Delegate Assembly. (76,88)
4. NSEA Participation: SEAN strongly encourages student member participation in NSEA activities. (76,88)
5. District Level Participation: A SEAN representative shall participate in the district meetings of each NSEA governance district. (04)
6. SEAN Duties: SEAN encourages working together to plan meetings for the benefit of SEAN members in each respective organization. (77,88)
7. Communication: SEAN encourages efforts to develop better communication between the local and state levels of SEAN. (77,88,04)
8. Membership: SEAN supports the philosophy that every pre-professional educator be a member of SEAN and the National Education Association Student Program. (80,88,04)
9. Local Association Elections: SEAN supports the practice of local chapters electing officers prior to the Delegate Assembly. (04)
10. Governance Structure: SEAN encourages local chapters to implement a president-elect governance structure. (81,88,04)
11. Involvement with Teacher Locals: SEAN encourages local associations to NSEA and SEAN chapters to plan meetings for the benefit of both groups and to promote greater community awareness of public education. (84,88,04)

C. Promote Preparation of Educators

1. Education Advisory Boards: SEAN encourages all local chapters to participate in and with their respective campus teacher education advisory boards. (76,88,04)

2. Grading and Policy: SEAN local chapters encourage student participation in grading and policy changes on their respective campuses. (76,88,99)
3. Teacher Preparation: SEAN believes in assisting colleges and universities in development and support of exemplary pre-professional teaching programs. (79,88,99)
4. National Teacher Exam: SEAN opposes the National Teacher Examination as the sole criterion for certification, selection or assignment to position, retention, salary adjustment, transfer, evaluation, dismissal, promotion or tenure. (81,88)
5. Higher Education Accreditation: SEAN supports the involvement of its members in the accreditation of education departments in higher education institutions. (81,88)
6. NCATE Accreditation: SEAN encourages all teacher preparation institutions to be NCATE accredited. (81,88)
7. Teacher Certification: SEAN supports teacher certification requirements for all private and public school teacher, K-12. (82,88)
8. Multicultural Education: SEAN encourages students to seek multicultural education courses and cross cultural experiences as part of their teacher education preparation program. (83,88)
9. Preparatory Experiences: SEAN encourages students to experience all populations on the special needs continuum because of the probability of meeting these children in the mainstreamed classroom. (83,88)
10. Admittance to Teacher Education Programs: SEAN encourages colleges which prepare future teachers to employ more effective screening and selecting policies for admittance into pre-professional teaching education. (83,88)
11. Education Background: SEAN believes each teacher should have a broad general education, depth of preparation in special areas and mastery of the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their professional responsibilities, both in and outside the classroom. SEAN further endorses the concept that more emphasis be placed on academic content and increased intern experiences in the candidate's endorsed field. (83,88)

D. Promote Preprofessional Interests and Welfare

1. Insurance: SEAN believes that every student teacher and classroom observer in Nebraska should be covered by adequate liability insurance to provide the utmost protection for the student teacher, classroom observer, cooperating teacher, school system, and college or university the student attends. SEAN believes that each college or university should require proof of such liability coverage from the student teacher or classroom observer. (04)

E. Forwarding Quality Education

2. Instructional Materials: SEAN encourages student teachers to implement instructional materials which will provide a fair and balanced treatment of all people and give consideration to women and minorities which have contributed to the historical and economic development of Nebraska and the nation. (83,88)
3. Public School System: SEAN believes free public schools to be the cornerstone of our social, economic and political structure. The continuation of our democracy through a free public school system, and only those efforts which strengthen our free public education system, should be supported. (83,88,04)
4. Television Viewing: SEAN recognizes the impact of television programming and advertising on children. SEAN encourages the television media to strive the quality programming and promote mental and physical excellence in American youth. Further, SEAN encourages parents to assume responsibility for monitoring commercial television and limiting school night viewing for children. (83,88)
5. Technology Literacy: SEAN recognizes the increasing effect of technology in our lives and supports technology literacy in school curriculum. (83,88,12)
6. Special Education Programs: SEAN supports the benefits of Special Education programs for all exceptional children and opposes cuts in funding of mandated special education programs at the state and federal level. (83,88)
7. Sound and Effective Education: SEAN supports the NSEA and the state of Nebraska in the obligation to provide all individuals access to a quality public education that is equitably funded. (87,88,04)

F. Promote Human and Civil Rights

1. Minority Involvement: SEAN encourages the recruitment and involvement of minorities in SEAN activities, especially in membership and leadership. (77,88,99)
2. Rights of Organization: SEAN believes in the fundamental rights of students to organize in their own self-interest and speak out in defense of students without fear of reprisal. (78,88)
3. Equal Rights Legislation: SEAN supports the passage of legislation for equal rights, the efforts of the NEA Women's Caucus, the NEA Equal Rights Amendment Fund and the Nebraska Equal Opportunity in Education Act. (86,88)
4. Child Abuse Protection: SEAN supports the NEA in the belief that all children must be protected against child abuse and neglect. (87,88)
5. Missing Children: SEAN supports the NEA and the NSEA in efforts to find local missing children by participating in national clearinghouse information programs; volunteer finger-printing programs; and by working cooperatively with local programs and authorities to raise awareness of the missing children. (87,88,04)
6. Sex Education: SEAN supports NSEA in its belief that family life and sex education, which provides children and youth with information appropriate to their age, is basic to healthy, well adjusted mental attitudes. (87,88)
7. SEAN supports a safe place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and ally students and teacher to learn and teach. (12)

G. Professional Ethics and Standards

1. Student Teacher Bill of Rights: SEAN supports the Student Teacher Bill of Rights. (81,88)
2. SEAN supports teacher evaluation as a vehicle for the improvement of instruction. (84,88)

H. Promote Involvement in Government Awareness

1. Legislative Information: SEAN encourages informing its members of current education bills in the legislature and policies supported by the NSEA.
2. Student Political Activity: SEAN believes that every student has the right and obligation to be an informed and politically active student. (78,88)
3. Lid Bills: SEAN opposes the passage of any lid bills in the state of Nebraska. (80,88)
4. United States Department of Education: SEAN supports the continuation of the United States Department of Education. (81,88)
5. Financial Aid: SEAN opposes any cuts in student financial aid. (82,88)
6. Political Activities: SEAN supports the efforts of the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education and the NSEA government activities. (82,88,04)
7. Public Support of Education: SEAN supports our American Education System and its public support and does not encourage tuition tax credits, vouchers, or other alternatives. (82,88)
8. Lobbying: SEAN recognizes the need for political awareness and involvement, and supports lobbying efforts. (83,88)
9. Educating Children with Special Needs: SEAN supports a free, appropriate public education for all special needs children in Nebraska. (83,88)
10. Legislative Funding for Education: SEAN supports legislation which increases the funding for education at the national, state and local levels. Further, that state and local chapters should notify NEA, NEA-SP, and NSEA representatives concerning legislation which will affect the funding of education. (85,88)