

Professional Associations: Majors in the School of Education

Joining professional associations is a key part of career development, offering students access to industry insights, networking opportunities, and professional growth. Many organizations have student-based memberships or chapters that allow you to connect with peers, mentors, and professionals while you're still in school, helping you build relationships early on. These associations provide resources such as conferences, certifications, job boards, and mentorship programs, giving you a competitive edge in your field. By joining professional associations, you're not only investing in your education but also setting yourself up for long-term career success.

Early Childhood Education (grades preK-2):

[American Montessori Society \(AMS\)](#)
[Association for Childhood Education International \(ACEI\)](#)
[Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children \(DEC\)](#)
[National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)
[National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators \(NAECTE\)](#)
[National Black Child Development Institute \(NBCDI\)](#)
[National Head Start Association \(NHSA\)](#)
[National Institute for Early Education Research \(NIEER\)](#)
[National Kindergarten Alliance \(NKA\)](#)
[Zero to Three](#)

Elementary Education (grades 1-6):

[Association of Teacher Educators \(ATE\)](#)
[International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)
[National Association of Elementary School Principals \(NAESP\)](#)
[National Association of Special Education Teachers \(NASSET\)](#)
[National Council for the Social Studies \(NCSS\)](#)
[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)
[National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\)](#)
[National Education Association \(NEA\)](#)
[National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\)](#)
[Phi Delta Kappa International \(PDK\)](#)

Middle or Secondary Education (grades 5-12):

[Association for Middle Level Education \(AMLE\)](#)
[Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\)](#)
[International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#)
[National Association of Secondary School Principals \(NASPP\)](#)
[National Council for History Education \(NCHE\)](#)
[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)
[National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\)](#)

[National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\)](#)

[National Social Science Association \(NSSA\)](#)

[National Writing Project \(NWP\)](#)

Moderate Disabilities (grades preK-8 or 5-12):

[American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(AAIDD\)](#)

[Council for Exceptional Children \(CEC\)](#)

[Division for Research of the Council for Exceptional Children \(CEC-DR\)](#)

[Division for Visual and Performing Arts Education \(DARTS\)](#)

[Learning Disabilities Association of America \(LDA\)](#)

[National Association of Special Education Teachers \(NASSET\)](#)

[National Center for Learning Disabilities \(NCLD\)](#)

[TASH \(formerly The Association for the Severely Handicapped\)](#)

[Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children \(TED\)](#)

[The Council for Learning Disabilities \(CLD\)](#)

Reading Specialist (all levels):

[Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators \(AOGPE\)](#)

[International Dyslexia Association \(IDA\)](#)

[International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)

[Learning Ally](#)

[Literacy Research Association \(LRA\)](#)

[National Association for Media Literacy Education \(NAMLE\)](#)

[National Association of Special Education Teachers \(NASSET\)](#)

[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)

[National Reading Conference \(NRC\)](#)

[Reading Recovery Council of North America \(RRCNA\)](#)

School Leadership:

[American Association of School Administrators \(AASA\)](#)

[Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\)](#)

[International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#)

[National Association of Elementary School Principals \(NAESP\)](#)

[National Association of Secondary School Principals \(NASPP\)](#)

[National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics \(NCSM\)](#)

[National Education Association \(NEA\)](#)

[National School Boards Association \(NSBA\)](#)

[National Staff Development Council \(NSDC\)](#)

[The School Superintendents Association \(AASA\)](#)

Educational Psychology:

[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)
[Association for Behavior Analysis International \(ABAI\)](#)
[Association for Psychological Science \(APS\)](#)
[Association of Educational Therapists \(AET\)](#)
[International School Psychology Association \(ISPA\)](#)
[National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
[Society for Research in Child Development \(SRCD\)](#)
[Society for the Study of School Psychology \(SSSP\)](#)
[Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology \(SCCAP\)](#)
[Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools \(TOPSS\)](#)

English as a Second Language:

[American Association for Applied Linguistics \(AAAL\)](#)
[American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages \(ACTFL\)](#)
[Center for Applied Linguistics \(CAL\)](#)
[International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)
[National Association for Bilingual Education \(NABE\)](#)
[National Association of English Learner Program Administrators \(NAELPA\)](#)
[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)
[Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages \(TESOL\)](#)
[WIDA Consortium](#)
[World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment \(WIDA\)](#)

School Adjustment Counseling:

[American Counseling Association \(ACA\)](#)
[American School Counselor Association \(ASCA\)](#)
[Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling \(ACAC\)](#)
[Association for Play Therapy \(APT\)](#)
[Association for Specialists in Group Work \(ASGW\)](#)
[Association of Educational Therapists \(AET\)](#)
[International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors \(IAMFC\)](#)
[National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
[School Social Work Association of America \(SSWAA\)](#)
[The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress \(AAETS\)](#)

School Counseling:

[American Counseling Association \(ACA\)](#)
[American Mental Health Counselors Association \(AMHCA\)](#)
[American School Counselor Association \(ASCA\)](#)
[Association for Counselor Education and Supervision \(ACES\)](#)
[Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development \(AMCD\)](#)
[Association for Specialists in Group Work \(ASGW\)](#)



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[International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors \(IAMFC\)](#)

[National Association for College Admission Counseling \(NACAC\)](#)

[National Board for Certified Counselors \(NBCC\)](#)

[National Career Development Association \(NCDA\)](#)

Educational Leadership:

[American Association of School Administrators \(AASA\)](#)

[American Educational Research Association \(AERA\)](#)

[Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\)](#)

[Council of Chief State School Officers \(CCSSO\)](#)

[International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#)

[National Association of Elementary School Principals \(NAESP\)](#)

[National Association of Secondary School Principals \(NASPP\)](#)

[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)

[National School Boards Association \(NSBA\)](#)

[The School Superintendents Association \(AASA\)](#)

Higher Education:

[American Association of Community Colleges \(AACC\)](#)

[American Association of State Colleges and Universities \(AASCU\)](#)

[American Association of University Professors \(AAUP\)](#)

[American College Personnel Association \(ACPA\)](#)

[American Council on Education \(ACE\)](#)

[Association of American Colleges and Universities \(AAC&U\)](#)

[Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges \(AGB\)](#)

[National Association of College and University Business Officers \(NACUBO\)](#)

[National Association of Student Personnel Administrators \(NASPA\)](#)

[University Professional and Continuing Education Association \(UPCEA\)](#)

Teaching and Learning:

[American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education \(AACTE\)](#)

[American Educational Research Association \(AERA\)](#)

[Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\)](#)

[International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#)

[International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#)

[Learning Forward \(formerly National Staff Development Council\)](#)

[National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)

[National Council of Teachers of English \(NCTE\)](#)

[National Education Association \(NEA\)](#)

[National Science Teaching Association \(NSTA\)](#)