



The Value of Being an Olathe NEA Member

Lawyers, doctors, accountants, and numerous other professionals belong to their professional associations. So why should *you* belong to Olathe NEA, your professional association?

What Olathe NEA provides:	What our members receive:	What others receive:
Collaborative problem-solving with district administration	Kathy Meyer, President of Olathe NEA, meets regularly with district administrators to address issues of concern for our members	Non-members must try to advocate for themselves
Collaborative problem-solving with building principals	Olathe NEA associations representatives meet regularly with building principals to address issues of concern for our members within individual schools	Non-members must try to advocate for themselves
Frequent sharing of information	Olathe NEA members are kept up-to-date on events that impact them by attending meetings in their buildings, receiving emails, and following updates on the association's website, Twitter account, and Facebook page	Non-members must try to discover information for themselves
Access to people who can answer questions	Olathe NEA members have a half-time release president and two full-time staff people available at any time to answer questions on a wide variety of issues	Non-members must try to find someone who can answer any questions they may have
Professional liability insurance	Olathe NEA members receive a \$1 million liability insurance policy	Non-members must attempt to locate insurance providers for themselves
Legal representation	Olathe NEA members have access to experienced education attorneys for job-related incidents, and reduced fees for legal services on issues unrelated to the job	Non-members must pay full attorney fees for any services they require, whether job-related or not
Representation in meetings	Olathe NEA members receive assistance from experienced representatives when preparing for evaluative and disciplinary meetings	Non-members must prepare for meetings on their own
Advocacy for students and public schools	Olathe NEA members have full-time advocates at the local, state, and national level lobbying for a pro-student and pro-public education agenda	Non-members must try to advocate for themselves
Representation on district committees	Olathe NEA appoints its members to joint Olathe NEA/Olathe School District committees	Non-members have no representation on the committee
Monetary Benefits	Olathe NEA members are able to save money through NEA's Member Benefits Program and ACCESS card	Non-members must attempt to find savings in other ways

**Strength in Membership
+ Strength in the Profession**

**Benefits for students, educators,
and public education**

