


# Politics and Public Education: Why It Matters



Your Salary	School Board, State Legislature, Governor
School Funding	School Board, State Legislature, Governor
Class Size/Workload	School Board, State Legislature, Governor
Length of School Year	School Board, State Legislature, Governor
Health Benefits	State Legislature, Governor
Leave Benefits	State Legislature, Governor
Retirement Benefits	State Legislature, Governor
Testing	Federal DOE, State DOE, School Board
Due Process	School Board, State DOE, State Legislature, Governor
Educator Recruitment & Retention	School Board, State DOE, State Legislature, Governor
Teaching Credentials	Federal DOE, State DOE, Governor
Content Standards	Federal DOE, State Board, State DOE
Educator Evaluations	State DOE, State Legislature
Unemployment Compensation	Federal and State Departments of Labor
Curriculum	State DOE, School Board
School Facilities Maintenance & Standards	School Board, State DOE, State Legislature, Governor



# How To Influence Policymakers

The success of DSEA's legislative agenda depends on the dedication and advocacy of its members. From interviewing candidates for school board elections or statewide and federal elections, to helping with the passage of local referenda, there are plenty of ways to get involved and help ensure students and educators have the resources they need. Below are just a few of the many ways you can get involved!



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## STAY INFORMED

Stay informed about public education and working family friendly candidates by visiting [DSEA.org](https://dsea.org) and following DSEA's *Legislative Matters* newsletter.

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## VOTE IN ELECTIONS

Vote in each and every school board, local, state, and federal election and support education-friendly candidates. Visit [elections.delaware.gov](https://elections.delaware.gov) for more info.

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## CONTRIBUTE TO PAC

DSEA relies on voluntary contributions from members to support key legislative issues and education-friendly candidates. Visit [bit.ly/dsea-pac](https://bit.ly/dsea-pac) and [bit.ly/dsea-pledge](https://bit.ly/dsea-pledge) for more info.

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## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Help support the election of public education-friendly candidates by volunteering your time. Visit [bit.ly/dsea-volunteer](https://bit.ly/dsea-volunteer) to see where campaign support is needed.

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## BECOME A POLITICAL ACTION CHAIRPERSON

Electing strong candidates requires an active and engaged local association. Contact your local president or UniServ Director about how to become a chairperson.