



Choosing a Professional Organization

It's not about whose side *you're* on. It's about who's on *your* side.



When I asked for help to address systemic issues with my colleagues, ATPE turned me down. That's why I joined Texas AFT. ATPE helps individuals. Texas AFT - my union - works to lift all of us up by winning real solutions."

— Jenny, member since 2024



Which organization should you join?

All In for ...	Texas AFT	ATPE	TSTA	TCTA
Employees like you: We represent teachers and staff only - not administrators	✓	✗	✗	✓
Your voice in decisions made about you: We advocate for collective bargaining rights for teachers and staff.	✓	✗	✓	✗
An Educator's Bill of Rights: Our members persuaded lawmakers to file 70+ bills in support of an educator-created legislative agenda.	✓	✗	✗	✗
Local support & community-building: We have more local and regional offices and staff than any other organization to support you in building power with your colleagues so we can win pay raises and better working conditions.	✓	✗	✗	✗
Solidarity with educators and working Americans nationwide: We are affiliated nationally with the 1.8 million-member AFT & the 12.5 million-member AFL-CIO.	✓	✗	✗	✗



Join the union that's all in for our kids, partnering with First Book to provide 10 million free books nationwide to Title I schools, including over 3 million books donated to public schools right here in Texas.



Join the union that's all in for our neighborhood schools, mobilizing educators, parents, and allies every legislative session and election cycle and promoting a Community Schools model with wraparound services.



Join the union that's all in for YOU, hosting free Student Debt Clinics and providing benefits to lower educators' student loan costs, as well as a national database with a half-million free, educator-developed lesson plans and activities with AFT's Share My Lesson.

Join the union that's all in for YOU: join.texasaft.org