

# Presidential Candidate Comparison on Public Education & Education Employee Issues

## Comparing Barack Obama and John McCain on NEA Official Positions

	NEA	BARACK OBAMA (D)	JOHN McCain (R)
<b>Expand Health Care, Create Universal Health Insurance</b>	Supports	Supports	Supports Expanding Health Care, Opposes Universal Insurance
<b>Protect Employees' Rights to Organize (EFCA)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Increase Minimum Wage</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Pay Teachers a Starting Salary of \$40,000 and Education Support Professionals a Living Wage</b>	Supports	Supports	No Public Information Found Did Not Return NEA Questionnaire
<b>Increase Student Aid for College (Pell Grants)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Increase Federal Education Funding</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposed Bills to Increase Funding, but Says He Supports Adequate Funding
<b>Increase Funding for IDEA</b>	Supports	Supports	Supports
<b>No Child Left Behind (NCLB)</b>	Overhaul	Overhaul	Tweak
<b>Private School Vouchers</b>	Opposes	Opposes	Supports
<b>Pay for Test Scores</b>	Opposes Pay for Test Scores, but Supports Some Forms of Enhanced Compensation	Opposes Pay for Test Scores, but Supports Some Forms of Enhanced Compensation	Supports Pay for Test Scores
<b>Reduce Class Sizes</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Expand Early Childhood Education</b>	Supports	Supports	No Public Information Found
<b>Sponsor Bill to Repeal GPO/WEP</b>	Supports Bill	Yes	No
<b>Privatize Social Security</b>	Opposes	Opposes	Partially Supports
<b>Protect Women from Pay Discrimination (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes

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