

# 2010-2011 MEA Platform

*(Adopted by the 2010 Fall Representative Assembly)*

**We believe that the primary goals of the MEA are the improvement of education, the improvement of the education professions and the improvement in the welfare of its members.**

This belief is based on the following principles:

1. That every person, regardless of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or physical, mental or emotional disability, has the right to equal opportunity for education and employment and equal rights of citizenship as established in the nation and state by the constitutions, statutes and judicial decisions;
2. That it is the right of every individual to receive the education which will allow him/her to develop to his/her fullest potential in his/her pursuit of worthy citizenship in our nation and world;
3. That the development of moral and ethical values can be promoted through education;
4. That each student must be free to learn and to think for himself/herself at his/her own level of maturity;
5. That continuing improvement in curricula, methods, materials, physical facilities and preparation of personnel is necessary;
6. That it is the responsibility of our members to do everything in their power to attempt to improve the conditions—physical, environmental, educational, social, emotional—under which people live;
7. That the teacher in the classroom and support professionals are the vital catalysts in the educational process and that those members should receive salaries commensurate with their services, obtain professional enrichment opportunities and have optimal working conditions;
8. That our members of the educational association have the responsibility and right to control and police their profession or classification.