



MSEA Resolutions Primer

Resolutions are formal expressions of opinion, intent, belief, or position of the association. They set forth general concepts in clear, concise language, are broad in nature, state the positions of the association positively and without ambiguity, and are consistent with the goals of the association.

As a state affiliate of the National Education Association, NEA's resolutions are automatically adopted by MSEA.

Headings from Maryland State Education Association Resolutions:

- A. To Promote Equitable, Quality Public Education in Maryland
- B. To Establish, Promote, and Protect the Health and Welfare of the Whole Child and Staff
- C. To Achieve Excellence in Educational Standards
- D. To Advance Organizational Unity Among Educators
- E. To Advance Professional Excellence and Growth
- F. To Promote and Protect Human and Civil Rights

When Amending Resolutions	When Writing New Resolutions
When deleting words or statements, put brackets around [deleted text] When adding words or statements, WRITE NEW LANGUAGE/WORDS <u>IN ALL CAPS</u> .	MSEA believes... MSEA also believes... (if needed) MSEA further believes... (if needed)

Remember:

- Check to see if it is already included in the [MSEA](#) or [NEA](#) Resolutions document.
- Resolutions are belief statements and should not include rationale.
- Use positive language—what we believe versus what we don't.
- Try not to name specific organizations, programs, or legislation, as it may change.
- Avoid using lists, when possible.
- Note the deadline for submission for new resolutions and amendments, which is typically the Friday before the Fall RA by noon.
- The Resolutions Committee may reach out to you for clarity and will inform you of the committee's decision to consider the submission as friendly or not friendly. Please note that the Resolutions Committee meets four times a year.
- Once a resolution is submitted, the committee will review the resolution and determine if it is considered friendly or unfriendly. If considered friendly, it may be included in the resolutions document presented to the delegates. If it is determined by the committee to be considered as unfriendly, a delegate may still bring the resolution or resolution amendment forward at the RA in accordance with the RA Standing Rules.
- If you need assistance or have questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the chairs, MSEA staff, or a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Committee Members: To reach a member of the committee email resolutionscommittee@mseanea.org.