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TERMS

- **Advocacy**: the act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal
- **Learning community**: an ongoing process used to establish a school-wide culture that develops teacher leadership explicitly focused on building and sustaining school improvement efforts
- **Networking**: the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions
TERMS (CONTINUED)

- **Professional**: exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace
- **Professional Association**: a non-profit organization seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, and the public interest
There are several reasons to join a professional organization. Professional organizations provide you with a wealth of resources through colleagues. Professional organizations also have listings for career opportunities.
No matter what area of life or stage in your education or career, networking is beneficial. Getting to know others in your field can provide you with a great support system with which you can share ideas, gain advice, have a mentor and access to references on job applications.
Often times professional associations offer access to free trainings or at a reduced cost to members. They also offer regular meetings to share ideas, participate in discussion groups and sometimes offer continuing education credits (which are needed for many fields of study, including education.)
Membership in professional organizations also gives you privileges to industry specific resources such as scholarly journals, magazines, webinars, podcasts, books and online training opportunities. Again, these resources are offered free or at a reduced price to members.
Professional associations keep members aware of news, trends, advancements and changes in their field.
Another benefit of joining a professional association is career opportunities. Members usually have access to exclusive career opportunity listings that are not available to the public. Some associations offer assistance in searching for careers such as help writing resumes and cover letters and interviewing.
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Association of Texas Professional Educators
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas
- Career and Technical Association of Texas
- Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences
- National Educators Association

Additional organizations and associations on Teacher Resource: Education and Training Organizations and Associations (see All Lesson Attachments tab).
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**HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM**

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Hospitality Educators Association of Texas
- Texas Restaurant Association

Additional organizations and associations on Teacher Resource: Hospitality and Tourism Organizations and Associations (see All Lesson Attachments tab).
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Human Services

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Cosmetology Instructors in Public Schools
- National Association of Social Workers
- Texas Industrial Vocational Association

Additional organizations and associations on Teacher Resource: Human Services Organizations and Associations (see All Lesson Attachments tab).
Turn to a neighbor and tell them one thing you learned about professional associations.
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