EDCI 205 Mini Assignment 2: Professional Organizations

The purpose of this assignment is to help you become aware of professional organizations and learn what you can expect from your future community of professionals.

Part I: The following websites deal with professional issues that impact all teachers. Some of the current issues under discussion include fighting to protect public education, responding to bigotry and hate, salaries and benefits, education funding, human and civil rights, voucher systems, and more. Investigate one issue of your choice by examining both websites listed below. Describe the position taken by each organization on the issue that you have selected. Compare how the same issue is addressed by the two different organizations.

- American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- National Education Association (NEA)

Part II: The following websites deal with professional matters that are associated with the teacher’s subject area interests. In most cases there is not a separate organization for elementary and secondary educators. For example, the National Science Teachers Association welcomes all science educators, K-16. They address the needs of the various levels of instruction through separate journals to which members may subscribe.

- If you are an elementary education major, choose one subject area, investigate the associated website(s), and answer the questions about one of the organizations in that subject area.
- If you are majoring in a secondary subject area, investigate the website(s) listed within that area and answer the following questions about one of the organizations.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the cost of becoming a member of the organization? (initial fee, yearly dues)
2. What are the benefits of membership?
3. Describe at least three opportunities for professional development that are provided by this organization?
4. What are some current issues under discussion within the organization?
5. How do these issues relate to your field experiences?
6. Give at least 2 reasons why it might be beneficial to join this organization.
7. Give at least 2 reasons why you might not want to join this organization.
8. Of what professional organizations is your mentor teacher a member?

Professional Organizations

Art
National Art Education Association (NAEA)
**English**
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
International Literacy Association

**Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)**
Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association (FACSE)
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)

**World Languages**
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

**Math**
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
Mathematics Association of America (MAA)

**Physical Education**
Society of Health and Physical Educators

**Science**
National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
Council for Elementary Science International
American Chemical Society (ACS)
National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT)
American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)
Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Inc. (HASTI)

**Social Studies**
Council for Economic Education (CEE)
National Council for History Education (NCHE)
Council for Civic Education (CCE)
National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)

**Special Education**
National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET)

**Vocational Education**
Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE)