

Mennonite Schools Council Member Benefits

College consultations:

Each year MSC teachers, administrators and guidance counselors visit campuses of Mennonite colleges and universities to exchange ideas that strengthen every level of Mennonite education.

Administrative network groups

Mennonite Educators Conference (MEC):

An in-service for teachers, administrators, and recruitment staff.

Education Leaders Gathering (ELG):

An in-service for board members and chief administrators, with resource and networking for advancement staff, business managers, recruitment staff, and community relations staff.

Leadership development events for administrators:

MSC provides additional leadership development events from time to time.

Anabaptist Learning Institute (ALI):

MSC offers graduate-credit professional development courses on teaching from an Anabaptist perspective through ALI.

Student programs and activities including:

- Middle School Choral Festivals
- High School Choral Festivals
- Middle School Regional Arts Festivals
- MSC Regional Orchestra/Band Festivals

Accreditation:

Members choosing to seek Anabaptist Mennonite accreditation may choose from joint AdvancED/MEA accreditation or MEA accreditation in collaboration with a regional accrediting body using Anabaptist Mennonite distinctives.

Administrator salary survey:

MEA and MSC collaborate to carry out periodic administrator salary surveys on behalf of member schools.

Associated Mennonite Schools and Camps Benefit Program (AMSCBP):

AMSCBP offers a high-quality health and dental insurance program that links schools together through mutual aid, the program's underlying ethos, and at the same time yields significant savings for member schools.

Curriculum development:

As curriculum needs are discerned among member schools, MSC gives leadership to developing resources. Existing curriculum is available for download on the For Educators page.

Data instrument:

On an annual basis, MEA assists MSC in collecting data from member schools.

Dual-credit courses:

Participating Mennonite colleges and universities afford MSC high schools the opportunity to offer courses that qualify for both high school and college credit.

Establishing new Mennonite schools:

Although MSC cannot fund new Mennonite schools, our organization has provided assistance and support to emerging Mennonite schools. A manual is available (or make the word 'manual' a live link to it?) for persons and groups interested in establishing a new Christian school in their communities.

Global Mennonite education connections:

MSC welcomes schools outside of North America to join as international affiliates.

Investment expertise:

MSC schools can choose to invest endowment monies with the MEA Investment Committee.

Mennonite Education Agency staff support:

MEA staff members visit schools and are available for counsel by phone.

Mennonite Schools Council directory:

A directory of MSC schools is provided for all members.

Fund for Peoplehood Education grants:

MSC members qualify to apply for MEA's Fund for Peoplehood Education grants.

Scholarship organization access:

Through membership in MSC, Pennsylvania schools can participate in Pennsylvania Mennonite Scholarship Organization, (PAMSO) and through that association can, obtain tuition funding through the state's tax-incentivized program (EITC).

Tuition discounts for Mennonite colleges:

Participating Mennonite colleges and universities offer tuition discounts for children of MSC employees for those schools that share roster data

MEA/MSM Moodle site:

Provides MSC members with a secure site to share information and stay informed. Also home to MSC membership guidelines and official documents.