

Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs



***The Preeminent
Voice for Educational
Options***

Our Mission:
To lead, promote, and support
innovative learning
experiences for the all
Minnesota students.

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Join MAAP today – and help make a difference for students.

To join MAAP, please return this application with a \$30.00 membership fee to the MAAP Treasurer.
Make the check payable to "MAAP."

NAME: _____ Position: _____

School or Agency: _____ District #: _____ Grade Level: _____

Type of School or Program (Charter, ALC, Contract, etc.): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

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MAAP is a participatory volunteer organization that encourages and values member input and professional contributions. The organization offers many opportunities for membership contributions and involvement, including these committees and projects:

*Awards Annual Conference Legislative Communications
Grants Special Education Elections Newsletter
MAAP Stars (Student Organization) Professional Development
Mid-Level Education*

MAAP shares members with the **International Association for Learning Alternatives (IALA)** and we partner with the **Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS)** and the **Metropolitan Federation of Alternative Programs (MFAS)**.

MAAP is lead by an elected, volunteer Board, which is made up of a President, President-Elect, Past-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director-at-Large and nine Regional Directors. Select Committee Chairpersons also serve on the Board. The Board is responsible for statewide leadership of the organization, for legislative initiatives, and for planning the Annual Conference and other professional workshops through the year.

MAAP is organized into nine geographical regions, each headed by an elected Regional Director, and each offering resources and events to meet member needs, including workshops, student summits, scholarships, and other professional development opportunities.

Each year, MAAP presents a **3-day Annual State Conference** and a separate **Mid-Level Conference** that feature nationally renowned guest speakers (recent speakers have included Alfie Kohn, John Gatto and Deborah Meier), and professional development workshops on:

*Innovative Practices Curriculum Development
Educational Leadership Educational Philosophy
AYP strategies Content Area Strategies*

MAAP actively works with policy groups, the Legislature, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Board of Teaching, and other state agencies that affect policy, regulation and laws, to impact the educational experience of all students and the practice of educational innovation. In recent years, legislative priorities have included:

*-Removing the Learning Year funding cap
-Increasing teacher licensing flexibility to support innovative teaching
-Improving accountability measures*

MAAP proudly sponsors **MAAP STARS**, a student organization that promotes leadership through competitive, non-competitive, and other organized events that bring students together from around the state.

The MAAP Website, www.maapmn.org, provides members and the general public with up-to-date information on matters of importance to both alternative and traditional educators, as well as updates on the organizations' ongoing work. **The website is also home to the MAAP Newsletter**, published quarterly.

MAAP Membership draws from:

- **Public and Private Alternative schools**
- **Charter Schools**
- **Contract Alternative Programs**
- **Dropout Prevention programs**
- **Recovery and Sober Schools**
- **Care/Treatment programs**
- **“Mainstream” public educators from all levels**
- **Special Education programs**
- **Schools within Schools**
- **Post-Secondary institutions**
- **Corrections Schools**
- **Area Learning Centers**
- **Social Service Agencies**
- **School Boards**
- **Principles and Superintendents**
- **On-line and distance learning**
- **Home-School communities**

MAAP differs from other organizations of its kind in that we actively seek to unite and organize educational professionals from across the education spectrum. MAAP's only special interest lies with the improvement of educational options, accountability, and justice for ALL students in Minnesota.

Join US . . . Join MAAP and make a difference for students.