



Teacher Ambassador Program

YOUR STUDENTS NEED YOU YOUR COLLEAGUES NEED YOU

Memphis City Schools' educators have an exciting opportunity to be leaders among their peers. With the generous support of our community partners and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are in the midst of a transformative effort that is changing the teaching profession in MCS for the better and improving the education we offer our children.

The active involvement of all teachers in this work is crucial if we are to succeed for our students.

That's where Ambassadors come in.

To lead this involvement, one or two teachers from each school will be chosen to serve as Ambassadors and be the catalysts for change in their school community. The Teacher Ambassador Program provides teachers with an opportunity to play a critical role in reforming MCS. Ambassadors are informed advocates of the educational and cultural changes taking place in the teaching profession in Memphis.

Being an Ambassador means...

Leading Your Peers Teachers: Empowering and motivating colleagues to continuously develop their skills and talents; being subject-matter experts in the reform work.

Developing and Implementing a school-wide communications plan: Identifying best methods of educating colleagues on reform and engaging them to contribute their questions, comments, and feedback; lead discussions about the policies, practices and impacts of reform; facilitating increased communications between teachers and administrators.

Mobilizing and Supporting Principals and Assistant Principals: Building relationships with school-level leaders; Meeting monthly and collaborating to share updates on teacher effectiveness efforts and identifying teachers' needs and concerns.

Advocating for Teachers: Presenting district leadership with their needs and ensuring they receive necessary supports and assistance for their growth.



Ambassadors can play a vital role in the district's transformation—a transformation that is making Memphis an education-reform leader in the state and the nation. They are regarded by the school community as a professional resource for educating others on the reform work. Along with the duties of being Ambassadors, there are many privileges:

Benefits to Ambassadors...

Professional Growth: Training sessions in leadership development, effective communications planning, public speaking, project management, and facilitating change.

Recognition and Awards Events: Ambassador-only celebrations and recognition programs.

Policy Events: Eligibility to participate in educational events and discussions with leaders from the fields of public policy and education.

Financial Stipend: \$250 per semester and possibility of reward for Ambassador of the Month.

The Teacher Ambassador Program is truly a unique opportunity for teachers to engage in the professional growth of our district's teachers. If you have a real passion for positive change through teacher effectiveness, and a desire to lead that change, don't miss your chance to apply for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Teachers with at least one year of experience within MCS who are in good standing should visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/teiambassadorapplication> to download and complete the application by August 24.

Questions? Contact Lachell Boyd, TEI Teacher Liaison, at BoydLM@mcsk12.net

*Imagine a future in which **every child** in Memphis graduates high school with the skills and abilities to grow, prosper, and thrive...
transforming our city by transforming our schools.*