## **Professional Organizations**

The answer is quite simple. In order to get coverage for liability insurance, I would recommend considering both the Kansas Association of American Educators as well as its national affiliate, Association of American Educators.

The reason is, I would not want to deviate from the commonplace in society. In order to gain respect from my peers and reassurance from the faculty and administrators of the school; I would simply want to honor the local system dynamics and environment in which I am placed.

I appreciate the cost-effective membership fee as well as the discount for student teachers. In addition to all of this, I believe that I will find ample teachings to support me in my journey as an educator. Since it is the largest national, non-union educators' organization, it is the most commonplace and widely known for good reason. They do not hold a partisan agenda, and their sole purpose is to promote "professionalism, collaboration and excellence." I like the simplicity of their agenda.

I highly value and appreciate the fact that the Kansas Association of American Educators gives donations to support the local school district. The benefit is that the dollars spent going into the organization would be put back into the local school system where I am teaching or am a part of. That adds great value, in knowing where my money is being put to good use! It's definitely an added blessing and benefit.

With all of these benefits, it makes my selection quite easy.

As far as other organizations that I would recommend choosing to receive newsletters from, they are as follows:

- Thought Co.
- Christian Educators Association International
- Education World
- eClassroom News
- Responsive Classroom
- Conscious Teaching

Lastly, I would also be willing to join the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. They are a great resource to find creative ways to teach mathematics and engage the students in the classroom. I believe that if I ever wanted to focus on teaching mathematics in upper grade levels, this council would be the best choice to find an active community to discuss ideas and engage in. Since I have my B.S. in Mathematics, this would be the most advantageous route to join!