

Why Politics?

Elected politicians, or those appointed by them, decide every one of the important education issues we deal with every day. If you ever wondered why your Local Association and MSTA are involved in politics locally and statewide, just check out the list below. Need we say more?

Your salary *Local Board of Education*

School budget *As determined by General Assembly (state aid to education), county officials and Local Board of Education*

Amount of federal school aid *President and Congress*

Certification standards *State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

Class size *Budget as determined by governor and General Assembly, county and local Board of Education*

Length of school year *State Board of Education*

Duty free lunch *Local Board of Education*

Length of workday *Local Board of Education*

Health/Dental insurance benefit *Local Board of Education*

Mandatory classes *State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

Social Security participation *General Assembly*

Course content *State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

Fringe benefits *General Assembly, Local Board of Education, elected county officials*

Employee collective bargaining rights and due process *General Assembly, Local Board of Education, elected county officials*

Health and safety standards *General Assembly, Congress*

Chapter I (Title I) funding *Congress*

Retirement benefits *General Assembly, Maryland Teachers Retirement and Pension System Board*

Tuition tax credits *General Assembly, Congress*

Corporal punishment policies *General Assembly*

Worker's compensation *General Assembly*

Unemployment Compensation *General Assembly*

Licensing fees *General Assembly*

Tax credits for school supplies *General Assembly*