

**Schools  
are a  
mission field**

**Educators  
are  
missionaries**



“The philosophy of the classroom today will be the philosophy of our government tomorrow.” *Abraham Lincoln*

## History of Educators Sunday

Since 1985, CEAI has encouraged congregations in America to set aside one Sunday\* each year as *Educators Sunday*, an event to recognize and honor educators who are making a positive impact on others.

\*We recommend Educators Sunday be held just prior to the beginning of the new school year, or the Sunday prior to *See You at the Pole*.

## Goals

- Encourage churches to seize the numerous opportunities for positive involvement in public education.
- Pray for and commission educators for service in the classroom and local school.
- Focus attention on educators during a regularly scheduled service or community event by celebrating their importance and contributions.
- Feature testimonials of and by educators who have had a positive influence in the lives of students, parents, and fellow staff members.

## Free Web Resources

Download printable materials to help you plan and celebrate Educators Sunday at:

[www.ceai.org](http://www.ceai.org)

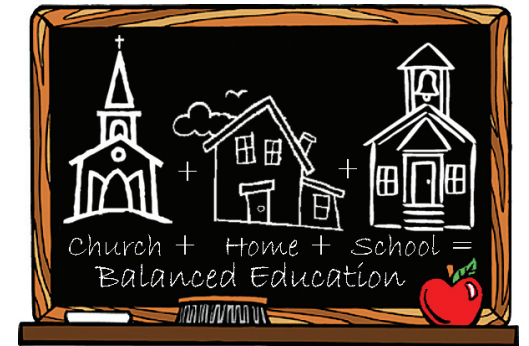
Look for “Brochures” listed under “Resources”



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# Educators Sunday



**Honor Your  
Congregation's  
Public and Private  
School Educators**



Encouraging, equipping, and empowering  
Christians serving in public and private schools

# Promote Educators Sunday in your church and community!

Recognize, affirm & celebrate your public, private and home schools educators.

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## ● Get Ready...

- Host an Educators Sunday at the beginning of the new school year or in conjunction with *See You at the Pole* ([www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com))
- Open your event to the entire community
- Commission educators and school personnel as missionaries for Christ in the classroom
- Encourage & promote student participation at *See You at the Pole* ([www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com))
- Provide training for Educators, parents and students as to their religious and free speech rights on the public school campus



When educators feel the support of their community it releases them to minister to the children God called them to serve.

## ● Get Set...

- Form an Educators Sunday Committee and appoint a chairperson
- Enlist students to assist in plans and events
- Decide on a plan of action
- Identify educators in your congregation who serve in public, private, home, and church schools
- Enlist the mayor of your city to proclaim your special day
- Contact local media and invite them to attend events

Download free printable resources from our website:

*The Plan*\* - 25 Ways to Celebrate & Honor Public, Private and Home School Educators

*Educator Sunday Bulletin Inserts*\*

*Your Invitation to Pray*\*

\*Web address listed on back of brochure

## ● Go!

- Have a special service with a focus on education. Recognize active and retired educators at Sunday service.
- Have educators write their name and school on an index card. Tack the cards on a bulletin board and encourage congregation members to take one and pray throughout the school year.
- Have your church sponsor a brunch for local educators. Have a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the educators.
- Have several educators share how they integrate faith and work in their calling at a Sunday service. The pastor can offer a prayer of dedication for all educators and commission them to serve.
- Give educators a personalized certificate of appreciation and a letter thanking them for their contribution to youth and the nation as a whole. Provide your churches phone number and encourage them to call in prayer requests.
- Give the educators in your congregation a small gift as a token of appreciation for the service they perform.

Questions? We're here to help!  
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