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Do you feel obligated to buy school supplies with your own money?

Our teachers need help with supplies, classroom materials and decorations.

Here's a true example, I never even thought. A brand new teacher gets ready for the first day of school. Her classroom is bare and she won't get paid for 30 days. Nervous enough starting her new career, she wanted her classroom decorated for the students. She uses her own money to buy posters and other materials.



Following are comments from a article in edutopia.org to further enforce the need to help our teachers.

> *I buy supplies at the beginning of the year. I never want a lack of supplies,*

whether it be a pencil, a binder, or a book, to get in the way of learning. I've seen teachers refuse to give kids pencils in order to teach them responsibility. That child ends up sitting in class, unable to complete their work, while feeling humiliated. What a horrible lesson to learn.

> *I do spend a great deal of out of pocket money to supply my classroom. However, I do not feel guilty into it. I do so because I want the kids to have what they need. I also understand that this would be a tremendous hardship on some teachers and it does not mean they do not care. Since tax dollars supposedly fund schools it would be nice if they used it more wisely to help*

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Currently, we need funds to help get off the ground. Donations can be given at <http://www.aid4edu.org/>. Contributions no matter how small can be given at <http://www.indiegogo.com/aid4edu>

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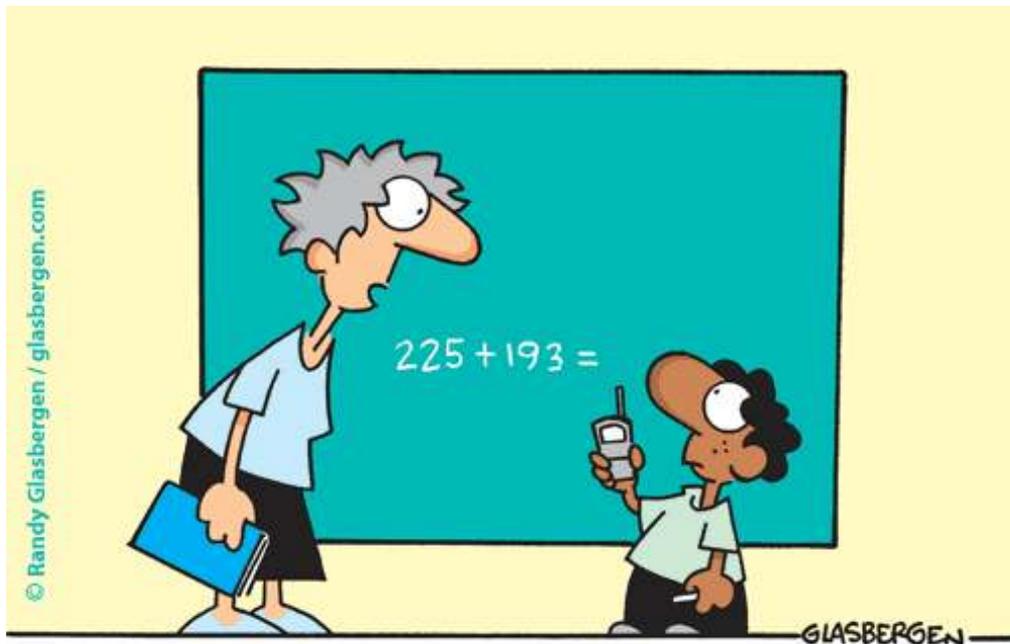
teachers have a well stocked classroom so that teachers who cannot afford to do so do not feel chided or guilty for not doing so. Jennie

> I agree. It was not until my husband got laid off that I could truly appreciate the amount of money I invested in the classroom every year. I make do.

> I think the average person on the street would be amazed to learn how much of their own money teachers are expected to spend on their classrooms. I certainly wasn't prepared for it when I began teaching. I would resent it less if the tax code allowed me to deduct (all of) it from my taxes. When are we teachers going to start speaking up about this? Oh, right, when we do we are accused of being only in it for the money. Go figure.

> Yes I buy school supplies but it is more fore a need of preparedness than it is a need to supply the students. Most of the money I have put in was into a classroom library so student had books to read when they are done work. But I have also bought art supplies so the resources are there when I needed them. I have gone so far as buying second hand computers for word processing. Second hand stores and dollar stores are great resources. I even know a teacher who bought his own electronic response system. We all need to do things that help are students succeed.

Teachers in all states use their own money to buy supplies for their students. Aid for Educators wants fill their needs with supplies, materials, room decorations and funding special projects. Your donation to our cause, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated.



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