



## “Teacher Awards”



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The new school year is starting and most teachers have requested OfficeMax or Staples gift cards. Aid for Educators has awarded \$200 gift cards to first year teachers. Following are some of the responses of these teachers.

*Thank you so much for the gift card. I am very thankful for your organization. As a first year teacher, it was such a blessing. With this money, I was able to purchase staplers, filing bins, chart paper, and other various school supplies for my 4th grade classroom.- Paige Kilpatrick, 4th Grade, Duff ES AISD*

*The award has already helped many students receive school supplies that they could not afford. It has also helped me be equipped with better school supplies and resources for students to use when they need too. I will now have enough pencils, markers, map pencils, pencil sharpeners for my students to use all year! Thank you! - Amanda Griffith, 7th Grade, Finely JH, Waxahachie ISD*

*I received my gift card to Office Max and I was able to get a ton of necessary supplies for my classroom! Thank you so much for the help as I start my first classroom. I was able to purchase a rolling teacher chair, pencil sharpener, stapler, scissors, hole punch, four packs of dividers, four boxes of hanging file folders, four packs of sharpies, and four boxes of labels. These are all supplies that will allow me to stay organized and help monitor my student's progress throughout the year. Thank you again! - Julianne Elson, 1st Grade, Dunn Elementary AISD*

*I can't thank you enough! As a first year teacher, I have endless items and supplies to purchase for a smooth running classroom. What a blessing your gift has been for me. I am so appreciative. Thank you just doesn't say it adequately!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! - Jane Leslie, 1st Grade, Rankin ES, AISD*

*Yes, I have received my Staples gift card. I am using it to buy "reading buckets" for my classroom. Thanks again for such a great award! - Stacey Witherspoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Dunn ES, AISD*

Aid for Educators wants to thank our donors and volunteers. But, we need more funds for teacher applications submitted and not yet awarded. Please, help our teachers and donate [Ways to Help](#)



Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years, once heard a colleague say, "They don't pay me to like the kids." Her response: "Kids don't learn from people they don't like." A rousing call to educators to believe in their students and actually connect with them on a real, human, personal level.



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## Are you sick of highly-paid teachers?

Teachers' hefty salaries are driving up taxes, and they only work nine or ten months a year! It's time we put things in perspective and pay them for what they do -- babysit! We can get that for less than minimum wage.

That's right. Let's give them \$3.00 an hour and only the hours they worked; not any of that silly planning time, or any time they spend before or after school. That would be \$19.50 a day (7:45 to 3:00pm with 45 min. off for lunch and planning -- that equals 6-1/2 hours).

So each parent should pay \$19.50 a day for these teachers to baby-sit their children. Now how many students do they teach in a day...maybe 30? So that's \$19.50 x 30 = **\$585 a day**.

However, remember they only work 180 days a year!!! I am not going to pay them for any vacations. LET'S SEE.... That's \$585 X 180= **\$105,300 per year**.

What about those special education teachers and the ones with Master's degrees? Well, we could pay them minimum wage (\$7.75), and just to be fair, round it off to \$8.00 an hour. That would be \$8 X 6-1/2 hours X 30 children X 180 days = **\$280,800 per year**.

Wait a minute -- there's something wrong here! There sure is!

The average teacher's salary (nationwide) is \$50,000.

\$50,000/180 days = \$277.77 per day / 30 students = \$9.25 / 6.5 hours = \$1.42 per hour per student -- a very inexpensive baby-sitter and they even EDUCATE your kids!

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