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**Teachers Spend Own Money for Supplies** By Maria F. Durand ABC News

Bruce Hogue is always looking for ways to make teaching science more interesting. But the money he uses for the boxes of Cheerios, Bran Flakes and Total needed for one his experiments usually comes out of his pocket.

According to a new survey, teachers spent an average of \$448 of their own money on instructional materials and school supplies for the 1998-99 school year.

"As a science teacher, I have an official budget, but that is usually gone by the beginning of the year," says Hogue, who works in suburban Denver. "When I want to do a science lab, I usually pay for it all on my own."

The survey conducted last summer by the National School Supply and Equipment Association — a trade group representing the school supply industry — found that teachers pay for 77 percent of the school supplies needed in their classrooms. The rest comes from the school, parent-teacher groups and other school funds.

Hogue is one of the millions of teachers across the country who are shelling out their own hard-earned cash to pay for books, pens, pencils and other basic supplies that schools have provided in the past.

"What other profession do you know where professionals have to use their own money to do their job properly?" says Janet Fass, spokeswoman for the American Federation of Teachers.

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*"I need added supplies for a special learning project."*

*"I am a new teacher, out of college, and need material to decorate my classroom."*

*"I have a couple of students who would like to go on the field trip but their families can't afford to send them."*

*"I sent project supplies home with the student because her family can't afford to purchase."*

## Status of Aid4Edu

### Nonprofit 501(c) 3 –

A letter from the IRS has been received confirming our application and fee. An email was sent to Rep. Joe Barton to help expedite our application for next school year's teacher supplies.

### Arlington Alliance for Youth –

We attended the [Annual Youth Collaboration Breakfast](#). There was a large attendance, including Dr. Cavazos and board members. Gloria Peña, Jamie Sullins and Tony Pompa were told of Aid for Educators goal. They agreed there was a need to help our teachers.



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Teachers Spend Own Money for Supplies

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“Do engineers, do accountants spend their own money? Why should teachers when they are far lower paid than other professionals?”

Teachers say they not only buy school supplies with their money, but many times they help out students who may not have cash for lunch or to get home.

Hogan, the suburban Denver science teacher, says he recently gave lunch money to one of his students whose disabled mother is in the process of applying to get her son in the school’s free lunch program.

“It’s the little stuff that falls through the cracks that we usually have to pick up,” said Hogue, who has been teaching science for 30 years.

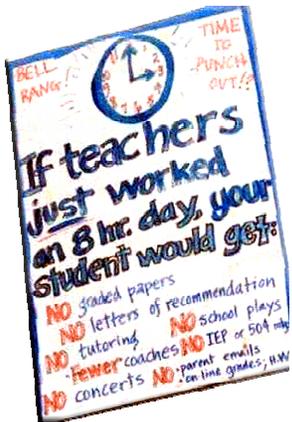
. \* Portions of [Teachers Spend Own Money for Supplies](#) used. To read the whole article [Click Here](#)

Donations, no matter how small, can be given at <http://www.aid4edu.org/> or <http://igg.me/p/309151/x/907109>  
Thank you to those already given to our cause.

[Reasons Why Teachers Buy Supplies](#)



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Shoes for traffic, playground and cafeteria duty

Note from parent to answer



by Bruce Plante (modified)

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