



"Aid for Educators is 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to pursue donations and grants to help our teachers with supplies."

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## "American Teacher"

### A Misunderstood Profession

American Teacher, the documentary from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth (Freeheld), is one of those films which makes you want to cry, or scream, or both.

The bright young public school teachers profiled in the film, from a cross-section of communities ranging from rural to urban to suburban, are people you would want your kids to spend their days with. Articulate and committed, these teachers represent the best and brightest of the education field. And yet long hours, low pay and scant respect for the profession undermine a career path that ought to be respected and revered.

"We can't ask teachers to take a vow of poverty and then expect miraculous

results," Ninive Calegari, one of the producers of American Teacher, remarks. "If we want a different future for our kids and grandkids, we'll need to give this priority the time, attention and money that it deserves."

Despite the crisis situation that emerges from American Teacher, the film is not a rant, nor is it depressing. Rather, it has the effect of making us greatly admire these young people, and then curse a system that defeats and wastes their enthusiasm, their training and their commitment.

As Eggers and Calegari wrote in a New York Times editorial, "When we don't get what we want in our military endeavors, we don't blame the soldiers...If the results

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## HIGHLIGHTS

[501\(c\)3 Exempt Status Letter](#) - We would like to thank Rep. Joe Barton and his staff for expediting our tax exempt application. [Rep. Barton's Web Page](#). We are now a nonprofit organization and can accept tax deduction donations and grants.

Aid for Educators is now on the IRS exempt database. [Go to site.](#)

**We are now actively asking for donations and grants to help supply our teachers starting the 2013-2014 school year.**



**Show your love and respect for teachers. Check our various designs. All proceeds will be used for our teachers.**



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**American Teacher**

are not there, we blame the generals, the secretary of defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No one contemplates blaming the men and women fighting every day in the trenches for little pay and scant recognition. And yet in education we do just that. When we don't like the way our students score on international standardized tests, we blame the teachers. When we don't like the way particular schools perform, we blame the teachers and restrict their resources."

Excerpts from an article  
By Wanda Bershen

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[Classroom Confidential: 'American Teacher' Schools on a Misunderstood Profession](#)

[American Teacher Trailer](#)

[Reasons Why Teachers Buy Supplies](#)



## THE MODERN SCHOOLTEACHER

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Disheveled hair from getting up at 5:00 after getting to bed at 12:15

Prank by class clown

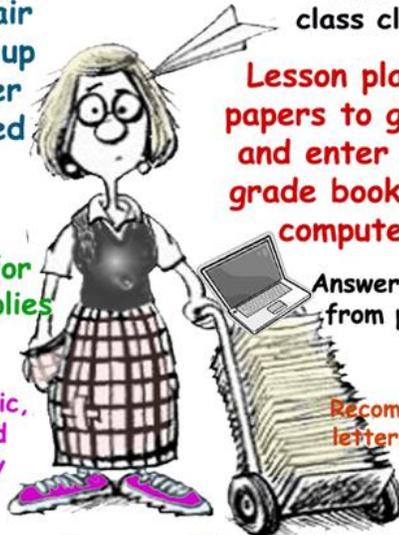
Lesson plans, papers to grade and enter into grade book and computer

Own money for classroom supplies

Answer e-mails from parents

Shoes for traffic, playground and cafeteria duty

Recommendation letters to write



Department meetings and lunch time tutoring

A teacher is one of the most important and abused element in your child's education. May 7 is National Teacher Day. Send a teacher a thank you note and donate to help lessen the burden of a teacher spending their own money to help educate your child.