

Listed below are a number of discounts and specials available to educators. While eligibility changes based on where you purchase, most offers are redeemable by any teacher with proof of employment by a faculty identification card or pay stub. It is always a best to call ahead before making a purchase to avoid frustration.

## **ARTS, CRAFTS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

### **1. The Container Store**

The Container Store helps teachers stay organized all year long with their [Organized Teacher Program](#). Register online and you will receive exclusive discounts throughout the entire year. A school ID will be required to receive discounts with in-store purchases.

### **2. Office Depot**

The free Office Depot [Star Teacher Program](#) educators a number of special discounts and rewards. In addition to 10% in rewards points on select purchases, members also have exclusive access to special events and sales throughout the year.

### **3. Office Max**

The popular supply store offers a MaxPerks Rewards program [specifically for teachers](#). Benefits include \$10 in rewards for every \$75 spent on qualifying purchases, and \$2 in rewards for each ink or toner cartridge recycled. Sign-up online to get your membership card.

### **4. FedEx Office**

Thanks to the FedEx Office [Academic Edge](#) program you'll receive 15-percent off nearly all products, including brochures, posters and photos. This discount is available both online and in-store.

### **5. Staples**

Register for the Staples [Teacher Rewards Program](#) to garner five-percent back in rewards points and free shipping from Staples.com. The program covers a slew of products, from ink and paper to teaching and art supplies.

### **6. Joann Fabric**

The free [Teacher Rewards Discount Card](#) entitles educators to 15-percent off all purchases and new members receive a 20-percent off bonus for signing up.

### **7. Michaels**

Receive 15% off your entire purchase every day. To view eligible products and more details, [click here](#).

### **8. Hobby Lobby**

Hobby Lobby extends their 10-percent discount to a number of community organizations, including schools. The one catch is you have to pay with an organizational check or credit card.

### **9. Blick Art Materials**

Teachers should sign up for the [Dick Blick Preferred Card](#). It's completely free and gets you 10% off purchases at Blick and Utrecht stores. Blick also offers organizational discounts for bulk orders.

## BOOKS & MEDIA

1. **Barnes & Noble**

The [B&N Educator Program](#) provides teachers with 20-percent off the publisher's list price on purchases for classroom use.

2. **Half Price Books**

Sign up for a Half Price Books' [Educator's Discount Card](#) and be rewarded with discounts of 10-percent year-round. This discount is truly all-inclusive, available to teachers, homeschoolers, librarians and even teachers who have been laid-off in the last year.

3. **PBS**

Educators who sign up for the [PBS LearningMedia](#) program will receive free access to tens of thousands of videos, games, lesson plans and other educational materials for the classroom.

4. **Book Warehouse**

The perks of flashing that school ID aren't lost at Book Warehouse. Show your valid, school-issued card to join the Educator's Book Club and get a 15-percent discount on most in-store purchases.

5. **The New York Times**

Keep your students up-to-date on current events with The New York Times' [special rate](#) for educators. The first four weeks will cost you just \$0.99, and every week after will be discounted by 50 percent.

6. **The Wall Street Journal**

The special [educator's rate](#) from The Wall Street Journal is mostly targeted to college professors and those with older students. Still, it's hard to beat the savings of the discounted subscriptions.

7. **National Geographic**

Teachers can receive numerous benefits from the famous publication including half-price copies of past issues and a \$12/year subscription rate.

## CLOTHING

1. **LOFT**

Fashion forward educators are rewarded for their posh style through the [Loft Loves Teachers](#) program. Register to get 15-percent off all full-price, in-store purchases, plus perks like teacher appreciation nights and exclusive sweepstakes.

2. **Aerosoles**

Bring your teacher ID shopping at Aerosoles to save 15% on footwear priced \$39.99 or higher. If you can't visit a store location, you can also receive the discount by placing your order over the phone.

3. **J. Crew**

The next time you're shopping at J. Crew, whip out that school ID to save 15% on your purchase. This discount is also available at the Factory Stores.

4. **Eddie Bauer**

Provide verification of your status as a teacher and Eddie Bauer stores will give you 10% off your purchase.

5. **Talbots**  
Update your wardrobe before the next school year starts with the 15% off discount from Talbots. It can be used for any full-price, in-store purchases with a valid ID.
6. **Banana Republic**  
Bring your valid teacher ID to a Banana Republic store and receive 15% off full-price purchases.

## ELECTRONICS & SOFTWARE

1. **Apple Store**  
The House of Jobs is surprisingly generous to teachers of all grade levels, offering varying discounts up to \$200 on computers and accessories through the [Apple Education Store](#).
2. **Bose**  
The Bose offer is primo, particularly for those in need of sonic stimulation. Save up to 15% on most music systems and accessories. Call their Sales Solution Team at 1-800-353-4207 and ask for the "Educator's Program" for pricing and to place an order.
3. **Dell**  
If your school is affiliated with Dell you can get special pricing on your purchase of a computer or other products. Call Customer Service before paying to apply the discount.
4. **Cell Phone Companies (Verizon, AT&T, Sprint)**  
This discount varies by provider, but teachers can save loads on a personal cell phone bill, sometimes up to 20 percent a month. Visit your provider's business or discount portal and input your school email address to check if your institution is registered.
5. **Adobe**  
Shop direct from the [Adobe Education Store](#) and receive discounts on select software, including bundles and suites. Adobe requires proof of employment as an educator before applying the discount.
6. **Lenovo**  
Through Lenovo's [Academic Purchase Program](#), teachers may receive a discount on their purchase. Select your state and school for a list of deals on tablets, computers and laptops.

## HOTELS & ATTRACTIONS

1. **Marriott Hotels**  
Marriott grants teachers a discount at a slew of hotels across the nation. Whether you book online or in-person, show your school ID at check-in to receive the special rate. Rules on this discount are a bit vague -- they mention government employees, which would imply only public school employees -- but most hotel employees don't bite. Feel free to ask.
2. **National Park Service**  
Show a valid school ID at a slew of National Park Service visitor centers across the

nation and receive 15-percent off many purchases. The discount doesn't apply to park entry fees, camping fees or Smokey the Bear petting zoo fees.

3. **Hotels/Lodging**

When reserving any hotel by phone or on line, ask for the government rate. If the rate is available, all you need is your Pike employee ID or payroll stub.

## **MUSEUMS & ZOOS**

1. **Art Institute of Chicago**

Teachers at any level are entitled to free admission with a valid school ID. In order to get a free pass you must first visit the [Crown Educator Resource Center](#) and sign up for the Educator Network.

2. **The Field Museum of Chicago**

Educators need only present a valid school ID for free admission at The Field Museum in Chicago, dedicated to all things historic and otherwise dug up. The museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, only steps from Lake Michigan.

3. **Colonial Williamsburg**

Take a trip back in time and discover Colonial Williamsburg with the discounted rates on general admission tickets. This offer can only be redeemed at a walk-up ticket window.

4. **Shedd Aquarium in Chicago**

Teachers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin are eligible for one free general admission ticket with a valid school ID. Register online in advance to receive your pass. Educators outside these four states can receive \$3 off their admission by presenting a valid school ID or current paystub to the cashier. The aquarium is at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive in the same complex at The Field Museum.