

# Arkansas Retired Teachers Association

ARTA: The voice of Arkansas's retired public-school employees since 1939



## MISSION

The Arkansas Retired Teachers Association is an independent non-profit membership organization *specifically* dedicated to protecting the interests of retirees receiving benefits from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. We also work *generally* to promote the personal, professional, social and economic interests of all current and future retired public-school employees.

## TRUE OR FALSE:

**I am already a member of ARTA because I receive a retirement benefit check.**

**FALSE.** Your benefit check is administered by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS). **ARTA** is a voluntary membership organization that serves ATRS participants and others who support a stable, secure retirement for Arkansas's retired public-school personnel.

**ARTA** a membership organization open to all Arkansas retired public-school personnel and supporters

**ATRS** the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System is a pension system for Arkansas retired public-school personnel

**NRTA** the National Retired Teachers Association is a division of AARP for the education community

**AARP** members can add an NRTA membership for no extra charge

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

**12,550**

**ARTA Members** (as of January 2019)

**45,092**

**Potential Members** (active retirees receiving a benefit payment from ATRS)

## *YOU NEED US & WE NEED YOU!*

ARTA's ability to effectively advocate for Arkansas's retired public-school employees depends on a stable membership base. As the fourth-largest professional trade association in Arkansas, we offer a variety of valuable benefits in return for your support.

## BENEFITS OF ARTA MEMBERSHIP

### **Economic**

- \* Representation at meetings where retirement and health benefits are determined
- \* Group rates/discounts on additional insurance products

### **Legislative**

- \* Representation by an active statewide legislative network in addition to ongoing advocacy on behalf of all retirees

### **Professional**

- \* Opportunities for leadership and recognition in a professional organization of peers

### **Social**

- \* Network and maintain contact with other retired school employees from around the state
- \* Enjoy customized travel opportunities

### **Personal**

- \* Learn more about issues of interest to education retirees and other older citizens