NEA ESP K-12 Career Families: A Closer Look

SECURITY SERVICE K-12 ESP MEMBERS

Our careers have become more challenging, and our responsibilities have dramatically increased. An important role NEA security service members have on a daily basis is to counsel or just be a friend to the students with whom we interact. We have a clear understanding of not only security techniques, but also the unique nature of the school population we are working with. On a wider level, we are active in designing and implementing security policies and crisis response plans.

Security services is one of the nine ESP career families. NEA ESPs make up nearly a half million of NEA’s 3 million members. As a critical part of the education workforce, NEA security service members meet the needs of the whole student, ensuring students and schools succeed.

We keep students and staff safe
We work to prevent crime on campus
We safeguard school grounds and property

SECURITY SERVICE CAREERS:
SECURITY WORKERS
GUARDS
NON-MANAGERIAL SUPERVISORS

FAST FACTS
• 89% work full-time
• 47% work with special education students
• 40% work at senior high schools
• 61% male
• Average age is 53
• 1% of the total K-12 NEA ESP membership

Committed to students and their career. On average, NEA security service members have been working in public education for 13 years. 82% plan to stay in the ESP field, and 68% plan to keep their current position until retirement. 70% have spent their own money to purchase food or school supplies for students.

Well-trained and experienced. NEA security service members meet specific job requirements such as certifications (47%), licenses (46%) or special courses (76%). 49% have an Associate’s degree or higher.

Active in the school community. A majority (67%) live in the communities where they work. 61% have supported activities of a parent organization and 58% have coached or supported a sports program.

Focused on school safety. Their careers are entirely focused on safety.