

## **Policy on Membership in NJPA**

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### Purpose:

To allow school districts, cities, counties, other governmental units, nonpublic schools and other partnership agencies or organizations and non-profit organizations to participate in NJPA and its programs and services.

### Policy:

Minnesota Statute 123A.21, Subd. 3 describes our membership, participation and partners.

Full voting memberships are limited to the school districts, cities, counties, and other governmental units as defined in M.S. 471.59, Joint Exercise of Powers, and as established annually by the NJPA Board of Directors. Full voting members are required to sign a membership agreement and to pay a one-time \$10.00 membership fee. These members are eligible to nominate their governing board members to serve on the NJPA Board of Directors. "Full-voting Members" are the only type of NJPA members, under M.S. 123A.21, Subd. 9, that are responsible for any proportionate share of expenses that may annually be assessed by the NJPA Board.

Nonvoting memberships are available to all other agencies and organizations that can legally sign a Joint Powers Agreement with NJPA as defined under M.S. 471.59. These types of memberships shall be referred to as "Participating Members." Participating Members are free and carry no organizational liability.

Nonvoting partner relationships shall be available to nonpublic school administrative units and other partnership agencies or organizations that cannot legally sign a Joint Powers Agreement. These types of relationships shall be referred to as "NJPA Partners." NJPA Partners receive this relationship for free and they also carry no organizational liability.

When an agency or organization simply participates in our programs and services by executing a purchase order through one or more of our contracts, NJPA will contact that agency or organization so they can supply NJPA with the necessary information to help us determine their proper membership category.