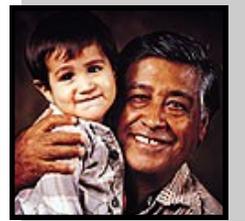


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Apply for the CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program

The César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César E. Chávez lived his life. The Awards Program will honor the memory of this great man and ensure that the spirit of his work continues in the classrooms of California.



Entries may be written essays or visual arts projects from students grade kindergarten through community college. **Entries are due to CTA Thursday, April 1.** More information is available at cta.org or the MTA office.

Read...

For Ride of Your Life!

Now in its seventh year, **Read Across America** is a nationwide effort to focus the country's attention on how important it is to motivate every child to read. The California Teachers Association, its local chapters, and many friends and supporters have reached millions of children through reading activities since Read Across America began.

When Do We Celebrate?

California's Read Across America events, while historically held on March 2, will be held on March 4 this year so as not to compete for media coverage with the state's primary elections. However, you are welcome to hold activities on the day that's best for you.

Where Can I Celebrate?

Schools, libraries and bookstores are just a few places where reading events will take place. Many teachers and school officials are looking for parents, older students, celebrities, politicians, police officers, firefighters, and others to read to students at school sites or at local libraries or community bookstores.

Where Can I Find Read Across America Supplies and Materials?

For bookmarks, brochures, certificates and other Read Across America collateral materials at cta.org.

Vote YES on March 2 Like Your Job Depends on it...

Proposition 55 - State School Bond

- Provides our kids with clean, safe classrooms to improve student learning and help our children succeed.
- Invests in our kids and their future by providing funds to repair classrooms and build new schools.
- Targets funds where they're needed most—severely overcrowded classrooms, outdated schools in need of repairs and fast-growing communities that need schools.
- Provides strict accountability standards that guarantee school bond funds will go directly to repair and build new classrooms—not spent on bureaucracy and waste.

Proposition 56 - Budget Accountability Act

- Holds legislators accountable for passing the state budget on time. Lawmakers won't get paid their salary, per diem, expense and car allowance for each day the budget is late.
- Requires the Legislature to stay in session until the state budget is passed.
- Reforms the state budget process and ends legislative gridlock by changing the votes required to adopt the state budgets from two-thirds to 55%.
- Requires fiscal responsibility by establishing a mandatory reserve fund of a least 5% so that extreme budget cuts and tax increases will be less likely in a weak economy.

Proposition 57 - Economic Recovery Bond

- Protects our public schools from future devastating cuts. Prop 57 is a one-time bond of \$15 billion that will be used to pay past deficits at time when interest rates are very low.

Proposition 58 - Balanced Budget Act

- Prevents the state from spending more than its revenues and prohibits future borrowing to finance state budget deficits.
- Creates a rainy day savings account that will be used to pay off the state budget bonds early and builds a cushion for any future economic downturns.