

Master's Degree/Lane Advancement

Doesn't the district pay for teachers to get a Master's Degree?

No. In 2012, the district stopped paying for any portion of graduate credit when Geneva teachers choose to advance their education. This was a concession the GEA made to help the district save money in a difficult time.

In 2012, the district also put in place a restriction on lane advancement. This means that when teachers now spend \$20,000 of their own money and two years of their personal time to earn a Master's degree, they will not receive compensation for that Master's Degree for two years. No other surrounding school has such a restriction on lane advancement. The GEA is asking for an end to the lane restriction so teachers can be paid for the degrees they spent their own money and time to earn. Geneva teachers want to advance their education to become better teachers for Geneva students, but the current system makes this incredibly difficult for them.