

# Where are Black Women Educators in Teacher Movies?

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Black women are among the most educated demographic in the United States.

Of the top 72 teacher movies...only 5 feature Black women.

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| 1. Akeelah and the Bee       | 27. Great Debaters               | 50. Renaissance Man             |
| 2. As It Is in Heaven        | 28. Half Nelson                  | 51. The Ron Clark Story         |
| 3. Bad Teacher               | 29. Hamlet 2                     | 52. Rushmore                    |
| 4. Blackboard Jungle         | 30. Heathers                     | 53. School of Rock              |
| 5. Bright Road               | 31. The Hobart Shakespeareans    | 54. School Ties                 |
| 6. Carrie                    | 32. Hoosiers                     | 55. Searching for Bobby Fischer |
| 7. Chalk                     | 33. The Karate Kid               | 56. Sister Act 2                |
| 8. The Chorus                | 34. Kindergarten Cop             | 57. Stand and Deliver           |
| 9. The Class                 | 35. Lean on Me                   | 58. Summer School               |
| 10. Class of 1984            | 36. The Man Without a Face       | 59. Super 8                     |
| 11. Coach Carter             | 37. Mean Girls                   | 60. Stand by Me                 |
| 12. Conrack                  | 38. The Miracle Worker           | 61. Taps                        |
| 13. Election                 | 39. The Mighty                   | 62. Take the Lead               |
| 14. The Breakfast Club       | 40. Mr. Holland's Opus           | 63. Teachers                    |
| 15. Dangerous Minds          | 41. Mona Lisa Smile              | 64. The Substitute              |
| 16. Dazed and Confused       | 42. Music of the Heart           | 65. To Be and To Have           |
| 17. Dead Poets Society       | 43. One Eight Seven              | 66. To Sir With Love            |
| 18. Detachment               | 44. October Sky                  | 67. Up the Down Staircase       |
| 19. Emperor's Club           | 45. Precious                     | 68. Waiting for Superman        |
| 20. The English Teacher      | 46. The Prime of Ms. Jean Brodie | 69. We Hot American Summer      |
| 21. Ferris Bueller's Day Off | 47. The Principal                | 70. White Squall                |
| 22. Finding Forrester        | 48. Real Genius                  | 71. Won't Back Down             |
| 23. Freedom Writers          | 49. Remember the Titans          |                                 |
| 24. Front of the Class       |                                  |                                 |
| 25. Goodbye Mr. Chips        |                                  |                                 |
| 26. Good Will Hunting        |                                  |                                 |

## Black Women Features

1. **Won't Back Down (2012)** Viola Davis (stars Maggie Gyllenhaal)
2. **Precious (2009)** Paula Patton
3. **Sister Act 2 (1993)** Whoopie Goldberg
4. **Souder** (1972) Janet MacLachlan
5. **Bright Road** (1951) Dorothy Dandridge

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