Connecting with Community Educators

Connect with prepared members of the community ready to support learning

Who are community educators?

Community educators are youth-serving professionals and volunteers who provide capacity and insight in service of deepening and personalizing student learning. They enrich learning environments by forging authentic relationships, sharing expertise and expanding networks. Next Education Workforce™ teams leverage community educators with additional knowledge and skills to complement the work of professional educators.









Where to connect with community educators near you

Community educators can be found simply by asking around your own social networks and community. However, there are also resources made specifically to locate and connect with industry experts who are ready to support your learning environment.

Live events

NASA Stem on Station Downlinks	The downlinks program brings space into your classroom with lesson plans, activities, opportunities, videos, still imagery and the latest station news. nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/stem-on-station/downlinks.html
State Arts Agencies	Look for arts organizations, teaching artists and funding opportunities to support partnerships with artists. nasaa-arts.org/state-arts-agencies/saa-directory/
STEM Pro Live	A pre-recorded broadcast with STEM professionals sharing about their career and workplace. Students learn about their career journey with questions from kids included. schoolsup.org/stem-pro-live

Connection databases

AZ Humanities Database	The database lists scholars working on Arizona related content who have made themselves available to work as consultants, speakers and evaluators on public programs. azhumanities.org/humanities-scholars/database/
Community Share	Connecting community members, industry professionals, parents and local organizations with educators through this online network and offline resources. communityshare.org
Educator Pro Connect	Educator Pro Connect supports teachers by connecting them with Arizona STEM and industry professionals to enhance classroom applications. educatorproconnect.org
Mentor	Mentors are supportive individuals who build relationships with young people. The Mentoring Connector is a volunteer recruitment tool for programs. mentoring.org/take-action/find-a-mentor
School Connect	School Connect gathers local heroes who work together to empower children to thrive. School connect helps people build relationships with their schools in their neighborhoods. www.schoolconnectsa.org
Skype a Scientist	Skype a Scientist connects with classrooms to give students the opportunity to get to know a real scientist and get the answers to their questions straight from the source. skypeascientist.com
Pathful	Pathful matches educators and learners with the right industry experts, virtually, to extend education outreach create equity of access. pathful.com/connect/