The MEC: Your Partner in K-12 Educational Outreach
MEC’s Mission

To identify, produce and disseminate fact-based, K-12 minerals education lessons and activities and to inform and educate the general public about the importance of minerals and mining in their daily lives.
MEC’s Audience

K-12 teachers and students—
our primary audience

SME members—
providing outreach to their local communities

General public—
benefitting from mining and minerals daily
The MEC website is the main way MEC provides resources and information to our audiences.
Finding Resources for your SME Section

These icons are on every page.

There is a Search Box on every page.
There are three audience-focused "funnels"
Finding Resources for your SME Section

On a small or mobile screen, use the small bars to the left of “Menu” to find the three funnels and the Search Box.
Finding Resources for your SME Section

The third is info for SME Members conducting outreach.
You can select this on ANY page.
Improving the public perception of mining is essential to the future of our industry. Help SME and the MEC spread the word about the importance of mined minerals in everyday life.

- Attend conferences in your local area.
- Conduct presentations in your local schools.
- Find free and low-cost educational activities and materials for teachers in your community.
- Invite teachers to a meeting and show them part of this slide show.
- Become a BSA Mining in Society merit badge counselor or sponsor MISMb workshops through your company.

https://mineralseducationcoalition.org/sme-outreach-resources/
Each year, MEC and local SME Section members and volunteers provide mineral kits and educational resources to approximately 2000 educators at three National Science Teachers Association regional conferences.

You can participate in the 2018 conferences!
• Reno, NV  October 11-13
• National Harbor, MD  November 15-17
• Charlotte, NC  November 29-December 1

Contact Tanya Kriss for more information at 303-948-4221 or kriss@smenet.org.
Your Section can apply for **SME Section Grants** to fund up to 80% of specific, one-time projects like:

- Educational outreach material.
- Science, engineering, mining programs at local K-12 schools.
- Collaborative projects with local organizations, such as Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, focusing on science or mining education.
- Career-focused field trips for local students.

Grant proposals are submitted by August 1\(^{st}\) annually, and winners are notified and funded in October. The Section must be willing and able to fund a minimum 20% of their project. Project timeframes are up to 24 months.

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SME Outreach Resources: Free Resources

Find resources to introduce MEC outreach materials to other SME Members, Sections and Student Chapters:

• Download K – 12 educational presentations, handouts and tips.

• Use the Mining 101 Presentation to teach about the importance of mining and minerals in everyday life.

• Be sure to use the free MEC resources available on the MEC website—Mining and Minerals Information, K-12 Educational Resources, and more.

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Mining & Minerals

Find mining and minerals statistics, reclamation examples, minerals database, the Periodic Table and careers information.

Aggregates

CalPortland
Sand and gravel mining operations went on in the mid 1950’s at Glacier Sand and Gravel. After reclamation, Chambers Bay Golf Course became home of the 2015 US Open.

Beckman Quarry
Beckman Quarry, San Antonio, TX reclaimed as 6 Flags Amusement Park and La Cantera shopping center.
K-12 Educational Resources Database

Find more than 160 free or low-cost educational materials including teacher guides, activity guides, videos, posters and kits.

Tested by Fire

Everyone loves fireworks and students often wonder how fireworks get their rich colors. Using the flame test, students can produce their own colored flames and learn about fireworks, minerals, and their common elements.

MEC Aggregates Teacher Guide

Get the most out of MEC’s free online educational resources, low-cost supplemental materials, available aggregate teaching resources.

Minerals in your World

Educational resources for teaching about minerals in our everyday lives.
## K-12 Educational Resources Database

Search this database by **grade level, resource** and **topic**, including minerals and commodities (i.e., aggregates, energy, industrial minerals and metals).

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**Copper: More Than Metal**
Delve into the mining, processing and use of the important metal copper in a 16-page unit.

**Discovering Diamonds Activity**
Students will gain a greater understanding of diamond deposits and the rock cycle and diamond mining operations.

**Molybdenum: Helping to Build a Strong Future**
Delve into the mining, processing and use of the important metal molybdenum in a 16-page unit.
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### Resources

- All Energy
- Coal
- Other
- Uranium
- All Metals
- Copper
- Gold
- Iron/Steel
- Other Metals
- All Industrial Minerals
- Clay/Talc
- Diamonds
- Halite
- Metals
- Products/Uses
- Properties
- Phosphate
- Potash
Find K-12 Educational Resources about AGGREGATES
Find K-12 Educational Resources about Industrial Minerals

**Halite (Salt) SMART Lesson**
Explore the mineral halite through an interactive and ready-to-use SMART board lesson. Students will discover how halite is used and how and where it is mined.

**Discovering Diamonds Activity**
Students will gain a greater understanding of diamond deposits and the rock cycle and diamond mining operations through these materials from Mining Matters (Canada).

**Potash Mining Video**
Potash is a common name for salts that contain potassium. Potassium (K) is an important element in human and animal health, and a major nutrient for plant growth and crop yield. This 5-minute video from Nutrients for Life discusses the process of creating usable potash for fertilizer through two different mining techniques for extracting and processing potash ore. [516]
Find K-12 Educational Resources about METALS

Nevada Mining Association Virtual Tour
Take a virtual self-guided tour behind-the-scenes of Newmont Mining’s Twin Creeks Gold Mine and Mill. View the mine from an overlook, visit the underground mine (1000 feet below the surface), the gold refinery, process lab, emergency refuge chamber and other facilities through narration, 360° images, and videos. The upper left area has options like a list of the stops on the tour, a map of the tour, and more information about some of the sites on the tour.

Lead SMART Lesson
Explore the mineral lead through an interactive and ready-to-use SMART board lesson. Students will discover why lead is important to everyday life and where lead comes from and how it is mined.

Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper Activities
Uncover the use of metals such as copper, gold and molybdenum in everyday life and gain a deeper understanding of today’s hard rock mining industry. Discovery Education and Freeport-McMoRan have created an interactive program for grades 6-8 that equips educators, students and families with dynamic resources - including a virtual field trip, interactive digital learning tools and school-to-home connections with career exploration activities.
Find K-12 Educational Resources about ENERGY

**Light Your School Activity**
Estimate the cost of lighting your school, as well as kilowatt hours and tons of coal used.

**Is It Hot In Here?**

**Saskatchewan Mining Association Resources 4 Teachers Grades 6-8**
Conduct activities about potash, uranium, coal, gold and modern mining techniques. Activities are from the Saskatchewan Mining Association.

**Coal SMART Lesson**
Explore coal through an interactive and ready-to-use SMART board lesson. Students will discover how coal is formed, where and how it is mined, how it is converted into electricity, concern for coal miners' safety and how coal mines practice environmental reclamation.

**SMART, The International Educational Portal from Rio Tinto**
Solve math, science and business questions related to real-world operations in the global mining business for copper, coal, iron and uranium.
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Move Mining Next Gen
It's time to vote for your favorite video!
Support Move Mining Next Gen and go online to vote for your favorite video today! You could make one lucky team the winner of the...

Educational Resources Database
Weekly Fun Fact: What term describes a fluorescent mineral that continues to fluoresce after the ultraviolet light is turned off?

MEC News

MEC Store

Education Standards Correlation

Education Resources Database
National and State Standards Correlations

Teachers are required to teach to specific educational standards. Teachers can search for MEC resources that address the specific national and state educational standards they need to teach, whether the subject is science, language, math, art, social studies, geography, history or economics. This can be a very valuable resource for teachers!

Sample of search results for 6th grade WV

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<td>Aggregates (sand, gravel and crushed stone) are the most mined materials in the world! The front of the poster depicts some of the ways aggregates are created, such as alluvial deposits from rivers and streams and crushed stone from hard rock deposits, as well as photos of some sample aggregates. The back of the poster contains four aggregate-focused activities to be photocopied and used in classroom instruction. Activities include use of maps, math, rock identification and a rock cycle fill-in-the-blank. 22” x 17” 2-sided poster. ($6)</td>
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Refine/Change Standards:
- State: West Virginia Standards
- Grade: 6
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West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives

Grade 6

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<td>Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.</td>
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<td>Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.</td>
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<td>Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics.</td>
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<td>Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text; including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.</td>
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SME Outreach Resources: MEC Store

SME Members, Sections and Student Chapters can receive bulk discounts on low-cost, supplemental materials from the MEC store.

Bulk pricing extends to select paper posters and activities in the MEC online store.  
(Does not include Blue Marble poster, bookmarks, panning supplies, DVDs, and some other items.)

SME Members/Sections/Student Chapters

- SME Sections and SME Student Chapters will receive the first 100 posters free when ordering posters in bulk (at least 200) at the following rates:

SME Member bulk rate posters

- First 100 = Free
- 101 – 200 = 50% off
- 201+ = 75% off

The SME Member/Section/Student Chapter will pay shipping charges for all ordered posters.

http://mineralseducationcoalition.org/materials/
SME Outreach Resources: Recognition

There are four MEC Awards recognizing individuals and organizations making meaningful efforts in education about minerals and mining, both within SME and as external partners.

- MEC Leadership Award
- MEC SME Organization Recognition Award
- MEC SME Student Chapter Award
- MEC Partnership Appreciation Award

SME Sections and Section Members have won many of these awards, so be sure to nominate someone who is doing great work in educational outreach!

http://www.smenet.org/membership/awards/minerals-education-coalition-awards
Take Action Today

Share these outreach resources with your SME Section, Student Chapter or other SME Members to get them involved with local outreach activities.

Contact Tanya Kriss for more information at 303-948-4221 or kriss@smenet.org.
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