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”:

1. Mining & Minerals Information
2. K-12 Education Resources
3. Outreach & Awareness
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The third is info for SME Members conducting outreach
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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 Scouts BSA Mining in Society merit badge counselor or sponsor merit badge workshops through your company.

https://mineralseducationcoalition.org/sme-outreach-resources/
SME Outreach Resources: Outreach Ideas

Each year, MEC and local SME Section members and volunteers provide mineral kits and educational resources to teachers at a National Science Teaching Association National Conference on Science Education.

You can participate in the 2023 conference!
• Atlanta, Georgia; March 23-36, 2023

Contact Akudo Nwokeukwu for more information at 303-948-4221 or nwokeukwu@smenet.org.
SME Outreach Resources: Funding

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 Scouts BSA and/or Girl Scouts, focusing on science or mining education.
• Career-focused field trips for local students.

Grant proposals are submitted by July 1st 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.

https://mineralseducationcoalition.org/sme-outreach-resources/
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.

https://mineralseducationcoalition.org/sme-outreach-resources/
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.
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Education Standards Correlation

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MEC News

MEC Store
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 are available. Aggregate teaching resources.

Minerals in your World

Learn about minerals in everyday objects and how they are used in our world.
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).

**Filters**

- **Grade**: All
- **Resource**: All Lessons/Activities
- **Topic**: All Mining/Processing

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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.

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

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**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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Find K-12 Educational Resources about AGGREGATES

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LEARNING ACTIVITY: Aggregates Matter

Table 1. Example Properties

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PROCEDURE:

1. Measure the density of three different aggregates.
2. Record the results in Table 1.

OUT OF THE ROCK Teacher's Guide – Book and CD

Out of the Rock Teacher's Guide – Book and CD has more than 90 mining and minerals activities.
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 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.

- **The Clay Minerals Activities—Clays**
  View Resource on www.clays.org

Provided by:
The Clay Minerals Society
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 symbols for 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 uses 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

**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.

**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.

**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?**

**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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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!
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, 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.

• C. Dale & Kathleen B. Elifrits MEC Leadership Award
• MEC SME Organization Recognition Award
• MEC Partnership Appreciation Award
• MEC Student Chapter Education Outreach 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!

https://www.smenet.org/awards-recognition
Move Mining was created to help change the world’s perception of the mining industry. There are different facets of outreach with this program and ways in which you and your section can participate:

- Submit a concept! Anyone can participate, professionals, students, industry and non-industry.
- Spread the Word! Encourage others to submit their concepts.
- Attend the Live Event at the MINEXCHANGE SME Annual Conference and EXPO. It is a free, non-ticketed event.
- Go to [www.MoveMining.org](http://www.MoveMining.org) for updates on upcoming contest rounds.
Move Mining Next Gen appeals to students grades K-12. They are challenged to create a three minute video about the importance of mining and minerals in their life. This competition is entirely online, and simply requires a video and parental consent. Winners in different categories receive cash prizes.

• Spread the Word! Encourage teachers and students in your life to create and submit a video.
• Go to [www.MoveMiningNextGen.org](http://www.MoveMiningNextGen.org) for more information.
SME and MEC support the Mining in Society Merit Badge. How can you make this a part of your outreach?

- Let us know if you are a MiSmb Counselor to be placed on the Counselor Roll call. Become one if you haven’t yet!
- Raise funds for the MEC Scouting Subcommittee, including participation in the National Jamboree 2023.
- Volunteer to attend the National Jamboree Summer 2023 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.
- For more information, contact Charlie Zimmerman at Zimmerman_Charlie@cat.com or Akudo Nwokeukwu at nwokeukwu@smenet.org.
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.

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