

What You Can Do Now

Improving science, mathematics, and technology education will require everyone in our state working together. But we can do it—it's within our power to build a culture where the sciences thrive in North Carolina. Some changes will take time; others can be put in place today. Here's how you can help.

Parents

- Get involved at your school. Speak up for stronger math and science classes and teacher development.
- Encourage your kids to sign up for math and science courses every year they're in school. Find out what's offered.
- Volunteer your time—help set up labs, grade papers, go on field trips, speak on Career Day. You'll learn something too!
- Voice your opinion—tell school boards and legislators that the sciences are important to your child's education and future.
- Think science at home: talk about discoveries in the news, visit science museums, and encourage your kids to explore their world, through chemistry sets, microscopes, books, and challenging games.

Educators

- Advocate for more hands-on instruction in your school.
- Make professional development for

math and science teachers a high priority.

- Integrate science and math with other subject areas. Take students on educational field trips that show science in action.
- Offer a greater variety of math and science courses at higher levels.
- Reach out to local experts and invite them to your classroom.
- Give parents tips on how to promote math and science at home.

Business and Community Leaders

- Get actively involved in math and science programs at local schools.
- Sponsor science fairs and clubs, competitions and scholarships.
- Develop partnerships with schools.
- Pair up scientists and technicians to mentor students.
- Create high school internships in science-related jobs.
- Introduce students to career possibilities through job shadowing.
- Be a tireless advocate of math and science education in the General Assembly, Department of Public Instruction, and your school board.
- Contribute to science museums and other initiatives to make science come alive for kids.

For more ideas on how you can get involved, please visit our Web site at www.ncsmt.org.



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