

Educational Partnering Program

Program Description: Many would agree that our children's education is one of the single most important issues on our minds. Current budget cuts have vastly reduced soft capital funding which will make it difficult in many districts to provide the much needed supplies and project funding that our schools and instructors desperately need.

The Arizona Rock Products Association recognizes the need to assist our local schools in an effort to improve a teacher's ability to deliver a quality education to their students. Likewise, it provides companies with an opportunity to serve as a strategic partner with their local schools.

How You Can Help: ARPA has compiled a list of much needed supplies that can be donated and ways your company can get involved. We encourage you to reach out to the schools in your local area and ask how you can help or contact ARPA and we will be happy to get you in contact with the schools in proximity to your facilities.



How ARPA Can Help Your Company Get Involved:



1. Request Information on Your Local Schools—School location lists are available through the Arizona Department of Education. ARPA has access to this information and would be happy to assist ARPA member companies in locating schools in proximity to their facilities based on the criteria company representatives provide.
2. Request a Contact—ARPA would be happy to assist in providing companies with the appropriate contacts for the administration or Parent Teacher Organizations within the school.
3. Request a Speaker—ARPA provides industry presentations for schools, as needed.

How to Deliver?

Make your delivery of supplies or assistance a special event. You will want to make sure the whole school knows who you represent. Here are some ways you can do that:

- Wear company clothing
- Bring your staff
- Present a letter describing your company and your willingness to assist the school
- Present give-away items that have company logos, as appropriate

Finally, meet with the principal, teachers or administration to find out other ways you can help. Many times opportunities are relatively inexpensive, but have far reaching impacts and benefits.





How Your Company Can Be A Hero

- Offer presentations on the industry, geology, natural resources or related topics.
 - Offer tours or virtual tours via PowerPoint presentations or video.
 - Participate in career day events.
- Supply your local school with Education Materials about the industry with your logo. Below are some general examples:

Mineral Information Institute—(<http://www.mii.org/teacherhelpers.html>) *This site features educational packets pertaining to aggregates, asphalt, cement and concrete.*

Energy Foundation—(<http://www.shop.nefl.org/main.sc>) *Contains ready made lessons on the natural resource industry.*

Rockman Video—(<http://rockmanrocks.com/pages/products.html>) *Fun aggregates video for younger kids that can include your company logo.*

- Offer supplies to teachers—A ream or carton of copy paper per teacher really goes a long way.
- Backpack, shoe and clothing drives are a great way to support needy families within the community. The school administration can easily assist companies to identify charitable opportunities.
- Many times adopt-a-family programs are available through the schools and is a great way to help disadvantaged students within your school's community.
- Volunteer at regular school functions and special events.
- Donate safety equipment—For example: safety vests for crossing guards.
- Support after-school clubs or programs such as science clubs or after school tutoring programs.



- Offer to have a technical personnel present to math and science classes about the sophistication and technological advancements in the industry.
- Sponsor programs such as the Future Cities Competition or Math Challenge Teams that compete locally, statewide or nationally.
- Check the school's website for more information on assistance opportunities.
- Ask about School Tax Credits—(<http://www.azed.gov/charactered/downloads/TaxcreditInfo.com>)

ARPA would be delighted to showcase your involvement on our website—www.azrockproducts.org
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