

Issue forum B: Elementary

A sharing session where delegates report what is happening in their states and pursue guiding questions and results of readings

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Elementary Issues Forum: Laying a Solid STEM Foundation

Elementary educators play a vital role in science education, and face many challenges and obstacles. These challenges are compounded when science is not a “high-stakes” subject on many state standardized tests. Join us as we discuss how NSTA and Chapter and Associated Groups can help elementary science educators in laying a strong STEM foundation.

Guiding Questions:

- 1 How can we (Chapter and Associated Groups and NSTA) collaborate to help address challenges specific to elementary science educators?
- 2 How might we support the teaching of the Common Core Standards and implementation of NGSS to leverage science as a focus of instruction for elementary students/teachers?
- 3 What type of professional development and support do elementary teachers need in order to incorporate NGSS into the classroom?

Recommended Readings:

- CCSS Appendix for Science.pdf
- CCSS Argumentation.pdf
- CCSS for 3-12 Grade.pdf
- CCSS for K-2.pdf
- CCSS for Science.pdf