

The Arizona Geographic Alliance in the 21st Century

VISION OF K-16 GEOGRAPHY

Geography is an integral and valued part of a rigorous **K-16 curriculum** that promotes student use of geographic concepts, knowledge, and skills to understand Earth's interconnected and environmental systems in order to plan and problem solve.

- **Schools and communities** are rich learning and teaching environments where geographic skills and understanding are a core component.
- All **educators** are well prepared to teach geographic concepts, knowledge, and skills. They have access to and use high quality teaching tools, best practices and materials. Their teaching is continually improved through participation in learning communities and research-based professional development.
- **Students** graduate as informed citizens who are able to apply geographic understanding and knowledge to make well-reasoned decisions.

VISION

The Arizona Geographic Alliance is supported by a leadership cadre (Teacher Consultants) and promotes a dynamic, renewing, collaborative network of K-12 and collegiate educators who inspire the pursuit of geographic understanding.

The Alliance:

- Functions as an innovative, accountable and highly skilled community of practice within the educational system and supports the continuous professional development of educators.
- Is respected as an effective advocate of geographic literacy achieving policy and financial support for its goals.
- Builds valued partnerships with the educational, philanthropic, business, and public policy communities through effective leadership and infrastructure.

MISSION

The Arizona Geographic Alliance builds a geographically literate society by advancing collaborative efforts:

- to continuously improve and provide high quality geographic education
- to elevate public awareness of how geographic reasoning and knowledge contribute to planning and problem solving that enhance our communities.

VALUES

The Arizona Geographic Alliance:

- Nurtures professional camaraderie by infusing Alliance activities with the spirit of sharing, learning and adventure.
- Honors our responsibility to develop educators' professional knowledge and leadership capacity.
- Commits to high quality in all of our undertakings and to continuous improvement and innovation.
- Welcomes stakeholders and potential partners to attain the goal of universal geographic literacy.