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Check out teaching and get CAS mid-level credit by taking a Teach@Mines course in Summer 2025:

#### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT

- SCED333/533
- CAS/HASS 300-level elective!
- Learn about the new science of learning that can be translated into exceptional teaching. An explosive growth in research on how people learn has revealed many ways to improve teaching and catalyze learning at all ages. The purpose of this course is to present this new science of learning so that educators can creatively translate the science into exceptional practice. This course covers field-defining learning theories ranging from behaviorism to cognitive psychology to social psychology and some lesser-known theories exceptionally relevant to practice, such as arousal theory. Together the theories, evidence, and strategies can be combined endlessly to create original and effective learning plans and the means to know if they succeed.

### Fall STEM teaching electives

Check out Teach@Mines courses in K-12 math, science, and computer science. Four courses qualify for CAS/HASS elective credit!

#### K-12 FIELD EXPERIENCE & BUILDING STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

- SCED262/562
- Experience a classroom setting firsthand and explore the benefits and challenges of modern K-12 education.

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#### DYNAMIC TEACHING: Motivation, Classroom Management, Differentiation of Instruction

- SCED363/563
- CAS/HASS 300-level elective!
- Learn to teach in powerful ways that help ensure all students can learn.

#### MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES & THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF MATH

- MAED405/505
- CAS/HASS 400-level elective!
- Learn to promote students' math identity and understanding of mathematical practices.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES & TECHNOLOGICAL IMPACTS ON SOCIETY

- CSED430/530
- CAS/HASS 400-level elective!
- Integrate industry practices in CS & the impacts technology has had on society into your teaching.

## PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY TEACHING TECHNIQUES

- SCED445/545
- Learn physics/chemistry instructional approaches for sparking curiosity in students.

### **Interested in teaching? Schedule an advising appointment**

Teach@Mines offers advising to students who would like to learn more about the program and pathways towards teaching licensure. Teach@Mines offers teacher licensure in Secondary Science (grades 6-12), Secondary Mathematics (grades 6-12), Middle Grades Mathematics (grades 6-8), and K-12 Computer Science. Licensure can be pursued through one of three pathways: by adding our minor, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Design Engineering with a focus on STEM teaching, or through a Master in STEM Education. To learn more or to schedule an advising appointment, contact the Teach@Mines team at [teach@mines.edu](mailto:teach@mines.edu).

### **Capstone I/Practicum Fall 2025 Pre-placement survey – Complete by 4/11**

If you are taking Capstone I/Practicum (CSED/MAED/SCED465/565) in the Fall, please complete the [Capstone 1 - Practicum Pre-placement Survey](#). **The deadline to complete the survey is April 11.** Please contact the Teach@Mines team at [teach@mines.edu](mailto:teach@mines.edu) with any questions.

### **Planning to take K-12 Field Experience or Capstone II in Fall 2025?**

If you intend to take K-12 Field Experience (SCED262/562) or Capstone II/Student Teaching (CSED/MAED/SCED465/565) and have not already connected with the Teach@Mines team to plan your field placement, please contact us at [teach@mines.edu](mailto:teach@mines.edu).

### **Teacher's Education Alliance Meeting 4/10 – TEA Time**

Join the Teacher's Education Alliance at their next meeting on **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in CK 386 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM**. This is an opportunity for students interested in the education sector to meet like-minded peers by hanging out and having snacks. Students can have discussions around teaching, their experiences in the classroom, and hopes for the future.

If you have any questions or require an accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact TEA President Katrina Ngo at [kngo@mines.edu](mailto:kngo@mines.edu). Advance notice may be necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

### **Get involved with TEA – Run/vote in elections on 4/24**

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your teaching interests and take on a leadership role in a Mines Student Organization? Get involved with the Teacher's Education Alliance (TEA) by attending their **Elections on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in CK 282 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM**. This will be an opportunity to vote and decide on the future of TEA's leadership and direction. All are welcome to apply and vote!

The Teacher Education Alliance (TEA) is a forum for discussion of any education related issues, not just high school or middle school teaching. The purpose of TEA is to provide professional development and community connections to individuals interested in the teaching profession. If you have any questions or require an accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact TEA President Katrina Ngo at [kngo@mines.edu](mailto:kngo@mines.edu). Advance notice may be necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

### **Seeking T@M Student Interns for Fall 2025**

Teach@Mines is planning to hire a couple of student interns to assist with various tasks on campus such as posting flyers and helping at T@M events. **If you are passionate about teaching and supporting teachers, this position is a good fit for you!** Reach out to [teach@mines.edu](mailto:teach@mines.edu) with any questions. To express your interest in becoming a T@M Student Intern or a T@M Lead Student Intern, please complete [this interest form](#).

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

### **Noyce Classroom Experience Award**

The Teach@Mines Noyce Classroom Experience Award seeks to encourage passionate Mines students to explore K-12 teaching by providing paid classroom experiences. Students will spend time in local schools, gaining first-hand experience of the profession, and will earn a \$500 stipend for successfully completing SCED 262/562 K-12 Field Experience. Applications for Fall 2025 funding will open in the Fall. **Register to take SCED262/562 in Fall 2025 and be eligible to earn a stipend while exploring K-12 teaching!**

### **Reimbursement Available for Praxis Tests**

The Praxis Subject Assessment exam is a content area exam accepted for meeting content competency requirements for certain Colorado teaching license endorsements. **If you take a Praxis exam before the end of Spring 2025, Teach@Mines can reimburse you for the cost of your exam!** Praxis exam scores are good indefinitely unless CDE changes the endorsement requirements, so this is the time to take an exam to demonstrate your content knowledge. Learn more about the Praxis exam and endorsements [here](#).

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Ben Franklin Academy's STEAM Expo on 5/2

Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) is a K-8 public charter school located on the western side of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. One of our key parent-led groups is the STEM Committee, which focuses on bringing the wonderful world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) to our students through programs and activities that compliment and enhance the in-class curriculum. The STEAM Expo, is an annual event that brings in 20 to 30 STEM-focused organizations to the school for hands-on demos and activities. If you are interested in attending and helping out, contact Kyle Nolting at [knolting@bfacademy.org](mailto:knolting@bfacademy.org).

The Expo allows us to bring in businesses and programs from our surrounding community to educate and inspire our students on STEAM related topics and careers. We invite you to participate in the event this year and are also open to exploring other types of classroom outreach and involvement throughout the school year.

### **Key Details**

- **When:** Friday, May 2nd from 9am to 3pm (plus 30 min before and after for setup/take down)
- **What:** Hands-on interactive STEAM activities for approximately 1,000 Pre-K through 8th grade students.
- **Where:** Indoors and outdoors. For 2025, we will host most of our vendors inside our large gymnasium at Ben Franklin Academy, while others will be located outside in a courtyard commons area under shade tents that will be provided.
- **How:** Each vendor will have a 6-foot table booth space (or more if needed). Students will cycle through the Expo throughout the day, several classes at a time, and they will spend time visiting and engaging with the booths that interest them. Each class will have roughly one hour to explore the Expo offerings.
- **Why:** Help hundreds of K-8 students get excited and inspired about STEAM-related topics and careers, while sharing your expertise!
- **Bonus:** We will provide lunch for all of our participants during a mid-day break.

## Denver Public Schools STEAM Expo on 5/3

The DPS STEAM Expo will take place on **Saturday, May 3, from 8AM to 3PM**. Come support the DPS community by volunteering to assist at event stations! Learn more or sign up as a volunteer at the [DPS STEAM Expo website](#).

## Summer Teaching Opportunity

There is an opportunity to teach STEM topics at a Scout camp east of Castle Rock in Summer 2025. If you are interested in leading STEM instruction in a beautiful outdoor setting, contact Steve Enger to learn more at [engerwork@comcast.net](mailto:engerwork@comcast.net).

# **Job Opportunities**

## **Opportunities at Legacy Campus in Douglas County School District**

Legacy Campus in Douglas County School District is hiring! Our mission is to cultivate a Career & Technical Education environment where post-secondary and industry partnerships provide relevant opportunities for high school students in the Douglas County community in order to ensure a competitive advantage and workforce readiness. Teaching opportunities include a Robotics Instructor, an Advanced Manufacturing/Aerospace Instructor, and others. Learn more and apply [here](#).

## **STEM Teacher at Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen**

Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen (RMAE) is seeking a passionate and innovative K-8 STEM Teacher to inspire and empower our students through hands-on, creative, and technology-integrated learning experiences. Our amazing community offers small class sizes, great students, fun staff, engaged families, a professional Board and helpful community partners. At RMAE, you have the freedom to manage your own classroom while still being supported by administration and team members. As a public charter school in Jeffco, RMAE enjoys the flexibility to be innovative and self-governing. If you enjoy collaboration and an inclusive environment, RMAE is the place for you! See [this flyer](#) for more information and instructions on how to apply.

## **Tech Instructors for Summer 2025 iD Tech Summer Camp**

We are currently seeking Tech Instructors for our upcoming summer programs at Colorado State University and University of Denver and housing is offered at both locations! This role is ideal for students looking to gain valuable experience in STEM education while inspiring the next generation of innovators.

We are hiring for any of the following disciplines: coding, game design, robotics, video & video production, digital art & design.

Key highlights of the Tech Instructor position:

- Teach engaging curriculum to students ages 7-19 within skills you already possess
- Collaborate with other passionate instructors
- Gain practical experience with the latest technologies

Requirements:

- Some experience in any of the following topics: coding, game design, robotics, video & video production, digital art & design
- Experience or interest in working with kids and teens
- Good communication, flexibility, and a positive attitude

#### Benefits:

- We are able to meet most internship requirements
- Room and board provided at Colorado State University and University of Denver
- Work at nearby prestigious university campuses or remotely
- Valuable teaching and tech industry experience
- Networking opportunities with peers and professionals

This summer position is an excellent way for your students to apply their knowledge, develop important soft skills, and explore potential career paths in STEM education or the tech industry. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this opportunity with your members. Interested students can apply or learn more [here](#).

#### **Generation Teach AmeriCorps Summer Teaching Fellowship**

Do you want a fun, hands-on experience working with students in your community while earning **\$4,800**? If so, the [Generation Teach](#) AmeriCorps Summer Teaching Fellowship is for you. Generation Teach provides high-school and undergraduate students of all majors with high-quality summer experiences.

#### Selected students will:

- Make a 7-week commitment which includes pre-summer preparation, in-person training, and 24 days of teaching small classes of Denver or Aurora middle-school students
- Plan and deliver daily lessons in engineering, law, math, or reading
- Lead and support student events and activities including small advisory groups, twice weekly Community Meetings, and more!
- Receive daily coaching and feedback from a professional teacher
- Earn \$4,800 (\$3,234.92 in cash and an \$1,565.08 AmeriCorps Education Award)

**The final deadline for summer 2025 is April 15.** Fellowships fill quickly; apply [here](#)!

## **Other Opportunities**

#### **CDE and TEACH Colorado Group Advising Sessions**

The Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) Educator Career Navigation team and TEACH Colorado have partnered to provide regular group advising sessions for future classroom teachers, with some conversations geared toward specific teaching roles and others focused on different areas of the state. Visit the [TEACH Colorado Events webpage](#) for a full schedule of events.