



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Bringing space to school in your community!

This file is a brief guide to conducting a simple program that can have a major impact. You can contribute to humanity's movement into space by helping teachers in your neighborhood bring space and its wonders to the students. Follow these steps for a successful project:

1. Decide the scope of your program
Do you want to work with one class, one teacher (in some schools a teacher may have multiple classes), one grade level, or a whole school? If you have a group of volunteers to work with you or a part of an NSS chapter, you may want to adopt an entire school district.
Important: Start small. If you are successful, you can always expand your scope, but if you bite off too much to begin with, you run the risk of being quickly frustrated.
2. Visit the NSS Website for basic "Space Educator" information
At www.nss.org select "Education" then click on "Space Educator." Download or print the attractive and informative packet and the Index/order form for additional NSS Educational Resources.
3. Select a school and meet with the appropriate educators
If you are already acquainted with a teacher or involved at the school arrange a meeting with the appropriate person. If you are not familiar with the school make an appointment to meet with the principal.
4. Explain the program
You are offering to provide information, sample lesson plans, educational materials and other resources to assist the educators in planning and teaching lessons about mankind's future in space. You can provide the resources directories and/or assist in searching for specific material.
5. Establish a specific program and schedule
This program is intended to be an ongoing relationship rather than a one-time opportunity. With the educators, determine the frequency of lessons to be provided, and specify the information needed on which dates. **Important:** Do not over commit. Whatever you agree to do or provide, make sure that you follow through to completion.
6. Keep the NSS advised
Provide the NSS Education Committee with updates on your progress, and your comments and suggestions on the program. Photographs are encouraged for publication in [Ad Astra](#) and on the NSS Website.