

MISSION AND VALUES

VISION: Changing how you understand and experience the world

MISSION: To instill and nurture spatial awareness and geographic literacy



VALUES:

- 1) Inspiring passion for Earth and its inhabitants
- 2) Connecting people with geography
- 3) Honoring inclusivity and diversity
- 4) Exploring physical and human environments
- 5) Developing spatial perspective



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COLORADO GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

The Colorado Geographic Alliance brings together teachers, academic and professional geographers, and Coloradans passionate about spatial learning to provide a spark for geography education in elementary and secondary schools across the state.



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THE VALUE OF GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION



Geo-Literacy is integral to the future of the world. Many challenges face the citizens of tomorrow's world, and geography helps prepare these citizens to do something about these issues.

Globalization - more than ever, citizens of the world live and work outside of their home countries, and products and services can come from anywhere on the globe. Geographic education helps prepare students to live in this expanded world.

Diversity - geographic education teaches students about differences in race, language, religion, and politics that help to prepare them for the realities of a diverse environment.

Technology - computers and the internet are valuable tools in today's economy and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and internet mapping are important skills for students entering the job market today. Geographic technology helps students visualize and interact with geospatial data in new and exciting ways.

COGA Services

- We connect educators, administrators, non-profits, geographic corporations, and legislators with each other, forming a community of stakeholders in Geographic Education.
- COGA coordinates and sponsors teacher education workshops throughout the year to advance understanding of geographic education.
- Giant Traveling Maps are available through a partnership with the National Geographic Society to bring a new understanding to your students of their connection to the world.
- COGA sponsors a yearly Geography Awareness Week full of activities to advance public understanding of the important of geography.



Additional Resources

COGA Website

www.uccs.edu/~coga

The COGA website is an excellent resource for educators and students. Here you can find lesson plans tailored to grade levels, links to valuable geographic tools, and dozens of ways to incorporate geography into the classroom.

National Geographic Education

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/>

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