



K-12 STEM Community of Interest Strategic Partner Profile

National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS)

In support of SAME's mission to "lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges", SAME has established more than 20 strategic partnerships to both bring together professionals from different technical disciplines and to create opportunities for members to benefit from and participate in other organizations. To learn more about our strategic partnerships, [click here](#).

Through the program, SAME is proud to support the mission of the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS) as a strategic partner.

NCSSS was established in 1988 to provide a forum for specialized secondary schools focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to exchange information and program ideas.

Celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2018, the Consortium now includes approximately **100 member high schools**, many 'ranked' as the best in the country, along with **55 affiliate members** (colleges, universities, summer programs, foundations, and corporations) located **in 32 states**, that share the goals of transforming mathematics, science, and technology education.

SAME and NCSSS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2018. We encourage individual members, Posts, and Regions to work with participating schools near you.

Collaboration opportunities include:

- Invite STEM students, teachers, and administrators at member schools to present at Post meetings.
- Establish a "what can we do for each other" conversation between the Post and the school.
- Connect with member schools to arrange volunteering and STEM Outreach activities.
- Present on SAME STEM and Engineering & Construction camps to encourage NCSSS students to apply.
- Recruit NCSSS school personnel to serve as Camp mentors.
- Attend their annual conference to hear best practices and network with educators (2019 Professional Conference to be held on Nov. 6-9, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency, Seattle, WA).

To find an NCSSS school near your Post, review the list of member schools on the [NCSSS website](#).

For more information, or to engage with NCSSS, please contact Beth Hartgen (beth.hartgen@ncss.org), Director of Membership.

About the K-12 STEM Community of Interest

The mission of the K-12 STEM Outreach Committee is to support our diverse Posts by providing information and guidance on STEM education and outreach activities that allow participants to be exposed to concepts, competencies, and careers in engineering from elementary school to middle school to high school.

To join the K-12 STEM Community of Interest, log into your [member account](#) and scrolling down the dashboard to the Communities of Interest section.