



NCTM's Advocacy Toolkit can provide you with basic resources to act on behalf of teachers on issues that affect you, your students, our schools, and mathematics education. The Toolkit includes an NCTM Communications Guide to help you get started. The Guide offers tips on interacting with legislators and legislative staff. Important information about NCTM and position statements are also included.

<http://www.nctm.org/Research-and-Advocacy/advocacy-toolkit/>



## **Principles to Actions -- Now in Spanish**

*Principles to Actions* has been translated into Spanish. The link below gives access to it in the NCTM catalog:

<http://www.nctm.org/Store/Products/De-los-principios-a-la-acci%C3%B3n--Para-garantizar-el-%C3%A9xito-matem%C3%A1tico-para-todos-%28POD%29%28Spanish-Edition%29/>

## **The Hunt Institute and NCTM**

NCTM and [The Hunt Institute](#) have produced a series of videos to enhance understanding of the mathematics that students need to succeed in college, life, and careers. Beginning in the primary grades, the videos address the importance of developing a solid

foundation in algebra, as well as laying the groundwork for calculus and other postsecondary mathematics coursework. The series also covers the Standards for Mathematical Practice elaborated in the [Common Core State Standards for Mathematics](#) and examines why developing conceptual understanding requires a different approach to teaching and learning.

<http://www.nctm.org/standards-and-positions/common-core-state-standards/teaching-and-learning-mathematics-with-the-common-core/>

## **NCTM Illuminations**

Illuminations is a project designed by NCTM and supported by the Verizon Foundation. NCTM serves as a content partner for Thinkfinity, the Verizon Foundation's free online professional learning community, where Illuminations is the primary contributor of resources for teaching and learning mathematics for grades pre-K—12.

Illuminations lessons and interactives are searchable by NCTM's [Principles and Standards](#) and by the [Common Core State Standards](#). The site offers more than 700 [lesson plans](#) and more than 100 [activities](#), including virtual manipulatives, applets, and games. [Illumination lessons are not just for students](#)—see how Illuminations lessons are used for professional development too!

Let's work together to build a well-connected mathematics education community!

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/>

## **NCTM Affiliate Leadership Circle**

To be eligible for recognition in the NCTM Affiliate Leadership Circle, a Partner Affiliate must submit its membership list to the NCTM Headquarters Office (see How? below), where the percentage of NCTM members will be determined and verified. An Affiliate can qualify for one of three recognition levels based on the percentage of its members who are also current members of

NCTM. The levels and the minimum percent for each recognition level are as follows: SILVER (35%), GOLD (50%), and PLATINUM (65%).

<http://www.nctm.org/Affiliates/Resources/NCTM-Affiliate-Leadership-Circle/>

## **Nominations Sought for NCTM Board of Directors**

Do you know someone who would bring valuable experience, perspective, and judgment to the NCTM Board of Directors? The Board needs a broad representation of NCTM membership to enrich its discussions, inquiries, and decisions. Help the Nominations and Elections Committee identify talented, energetic individuals who are qualified to assume leadership roles in the Council, and nominate them today. Get complete details on the process, procedures, qualifications and responsibilities, and school incentives.

<http://www.nctm.org/nominations/>

## **Housing Open for 2016 Annual Meeting: San Francisco, April 13-16, 2016**

Reserve your room early at NCTM's headquarters hotel – San Francisco Marriott Marquis – or at any of the many NCTM official hotels near the Moscone Convention Center—to secure your preferred room at the best possible rate. <http://www.nctm.org/sanfranhousing/>