Adopt-a-School
Connecting Local Fabricators and Students, Nationwide
AISC’s Adopt-a-School program connects local fabricators with university and college-level students in a meaningful way and encourages long-term relationships that can improve the students’ learning experiences both in and outside of the classroom. Your involvement will provide students with practical information, promote the structural steel industry, and increase your network of future design professionals.

Many faculty members rely on physical teaching aids and experiences for their students to enhance their steel design courses. There are several ways fabricators can contribute to this endeavor:

- Provide a tour of your fabrication shop (and cover transportation expenses, if possible).
- Sponsor a Student Steel Bridge Team/Club, which could include the following:
  - Donate materials for the bridge.
  - Assist in fabrication services for the schools that do not have their own shop facilities. (Students are encouraged to maximize their involvement in fabrication!)
  - Based upon the competition rules, provide guidance on constructability and cost.
  - Make a monetary contribution to the school that can be used to offset expenses such as materials, other equipment, shop training, and travel to the regional and national competitions. See more at www.aisc.org/ssbc.
- Be a guest lecturer and give a presentation about what students should know about steel fabrication.
- Connect classes to your local projects under construction and help to arrange site visits.
- Donate samples for classroom visual aids such as slices of rolled sections.
- Donate materials for student designed and built projects or for laboratory work.
- Donate a Steel Sculpture to the school’s campus. See more at www.aisc.org/steelsculpture.
- Fund students and faculty to attend industry events such as NASCC: The Steel Conference.

Adopt a school today!

Today’s engineering, architecture and construction management students are the future of the design and construction industry. Help us develop future professionals knowledgeable in structural steel design and construction.
Students who have had increased exposure to steel and the structural steel industry can confidently select steel as a design solution in their future projects.
For more information visit www.aisc.org/adoptaschool or contact Maria Mnookin (mnookin@aisc.org) to adopt a school today!