



Collaborative on Advancing Science Teaching and Learning in K–12

Commitment Statement Letter January 2025

The Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) is the nonprofit membership organization for science and technology centers and museums and other allied organizations which share our vision for increasing understanding of and engagement with science and technology among all people.

As an organization committed to advancing informal science education and fostering a greater connection between science and society, ASTC is pleased to be among the founding members of CASTL-K12 and looks forward to working with others in coordinated action to achieve high-quality science education in formal and informal settings.

Overall, CASTL-K12 will pursue four primary goals:

- develop a coherent strategy for supporting implementation of science standards across states and districts,
- launch and coordinate a networked community of practice for stakeholders at all levels and across sectors,
- build on and share existing evidence-based policies, tools, and examples, and
- develop a coherent communication and engagement strategy for advancing K–12 science and engineering more broadly.

ASTC will seek to activate and engage our network of science center and museum staff—and other individuals committed to engaging the public in science—to join with partners and stakeholders in local communities and across the nation in service to these. We will represent the interests, expertise, and perspectives of informal science educators in the development and implementation of a coordinated strategy for advancing K–12 science and engineering education. And we look forward to helping to better connect our network of informal science educators and institutions to schools and school systems.

The Association of Science and Technology Centers commits to supporting the goals of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Action Collaborative on Advancing Science Teaching and Learning in K–12.

Sincerely,

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