The RISE Challenge Big Sky

The desire to make a difference is a powerful incentive to learn

The young people in our classrooms are living through a time unlike anything before. In this environment young people are making it clear that they want to make a difference.

The RISE Challenge Big Sky is that opportunity.

Part project-based learning, part competition, and part student summit, the RISE Challenge Big Sky combines project-based learning with community involvement to engage students in action projects that improve their communities.

Benefits for Students

▪ Free training in project-based learning, youth-adult partnerships, and action civics.
▪ 8 months ongoing support to smooth implementation.
▪ Connections to a myriad of community resources including floodplain managers and emergency response agencies.
▪ Community recognition.
▪ Funds to implement student-driven projects.

Benefits for Educators

▪ Opportunity to apply their passion to improve their community.
▪ A sense of self-efficacy to deal with complex problems facing their community.
▪ Critical and creative thinking skills.
▪ Recognition from their community for their hard work.
▪ The skills and knowledge they need to be life-long contributors to their community.

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The RISE Challenge Big Sky is a project of:
PROJECT TIMELINE

FALL 2020
- Educator Professional Development: Date TBD
- Develop implementation plan for classroom

WINTER 2020
Launch Project
- Collect data local natural hazards
- Connect with experts
- Connect with stakeholders
- Select issue
- Develop action plan

SPRING 2020
Develop proposal
Proposal Due: TBD

RISE Challenge Student Summit: Date TBD

"If someone told me that my 6th graders would put together a civic action proposal to solve a community flooding issue ... I don’t think I would have believed it to be possible.

Your six-step method made it so easy and the kids really engaged and found it fun and meaningful!"

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Give Your Students the Chance to Make a Difference

The most important thing I’ve learned is how to protect the community by improving the things around us. And that when we get together, we can complete any project.”