

## UGIC Mentoring Program

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The Utah K-12 Educator Mentoring program is designed to help K-12 educators link up with GIS professionals in a mentoring relationship. The Utah State Board of Education, ESRI, AGRC, UGIC, and the Utah GIS Alliance have worked to introduce GIS technology into the Public Education process. Arrangements have been initiated that will eventually allow the placement of ESRI's ArcView software on the teaching computer systems (classroom and computer lab systems) in all Public and Private K-12 school districts in the State of Utah. Procedures are also being developed that will allow access to District and possibly State wide geographic data by every school district. However, as you may be aware educators are currently being stretched. Throwing a new computer program at them along with all of the GIS concepts and standards with no additional support will not be a service to anyone. Therefore, UGIC would like to provide a list of GIS professionals who would be willing to mentor both educators and the GIS activities within a school district. Finding a K-12 GIS mentor: To utilize a member of the mentoring program, we ask that you:

- Agree to the conditions in the table below.
- Use the Find a K-12 GIS mentor search page .Becoming a K-12 GIS mentor: To become a member of the mentoring program:
  - Agree to the conditions in the table below.
  - Update your Utah GIS Portal user profile to indicate the school districts for which you are willing to act as a mento. School district choices can be found on the Memberships and Subscription tab.

K-12 Mentoring Program Conditions:UGIC educator mentors will agree to:Provide professional contact information [preferred phone number(s), available contact time frame, email address, and preferred school district(s)] which will be placed into an online UGIC Teacher Mentor Program data base. This data base would be available on the UGIC website.Allow educator(s) to contact them for assistance with:Using ESRI ArcView softwareGeneral or specific Geographic Information and Geographic Information System questions

Assistance may require visit(s) to the school. Such visits would be at the discretion of the Mentor and scheduled at a time convenient for both Educator(s) and Mentor.Provide assistance and/or guidance in obtaining existing Geographic data and/or imagery, if and when possible, for educational purposes.Provide assistance or communicate with the educator within two (2) regular business days of a request.Contact UGIC and all Educators being mentored at least 1 week prior to being removed from the program.GIS educators will agree to:Attend an ArcView Training session that is offered at the State or School District level and fulfill any other requirements necessary to obtain the ArcView site license for their school. Have the ArcView software installed and attempt to resolve questions first by using the ArcView help application and training session materials.Contact GIS educator peers at their school with questions prior to contacting a UGIC educator mentor.Provide mentors with flexible schedules for the answering of their questions and delivery of GIS data and imagery.Inform other GIS educator peers from their school of any meeting at the school with a UGIC educator mentor.