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## Science News - National Middle Level Science Teachers Association

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# SCIENCE NOTES

## National Middle Level Science Teachers Association

Efforts are currently underway to establish a national professional organization for teachers of middle school science. The National Middle Level Science Teachers Association (NMLSTA) is currently inviting educators across the nation to become members.

The new organization is sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association's Middle Level Division. The first meeting of NMLSTA was held at the NSTA National Convention in March.

The goals of NMLSTA include the following:

- to stimulate, improve and coordinate science teaching in the middle level grades and to engage in any and all activities in furtherance thereof.
- to promote the improvement of science programs that begin in preschool or first grade and develop in a continuous fashion through grade twelve and beyond (to this end, to work with elementary and secondary science educators and organizations to provide for the continuance of quality programs in and between the levels).
- to recruit and retain qualified individuals to teach science at the middle level.
- to develop and improve preservice education programs for science educators planning to teach at the middle level.
- to improve the public identity and status of the middle level science educator.
- to do all which may help the Association to achieve these purposes, including (but not limited to) research and dissemination information.

Membership fee for this organization is \$10 (checks should be payable to NMLSTA). For more information or to become a charter member, contact Dale Rosene, Marshall Middle School, 100 E. Green, Marshall, MI 49068.

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