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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-045

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals, Curriculum Directors  
Instructional Facilitators, K-12 Teachers

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**SUBJECT:** Geospatial Educational Resource Tools

## UW AGREEMENT PROVIDES FREE ESRI SOFTWARE USE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

In November 2014, the University of Wyoming (UW) and Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. (ESRI) signed a software license agreement which gives all K-12 public schools in Wyoming access to geographic information system (GIS) technology. This technology will help students gain valuable skills on software they may use in their careers in the near future.

The statewide license agreement is administered by UW's Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center (WyGISC). Through the agreement, Wyoming public schools will have free access to GIS software, e-training opportunities, and technical support services to aid in teaching and research activities.

For more information about the agreement, visit the WyGISC Education and Outreach webpage at [www.uwyo.edu/wygisc/education](http://www.uwyo.edu/wygisc/education) and then click on K-12 Education License. There you will also find the following links: License Agreement, Access GIS Software, Technical Support, and E-Learning Courses. If you are interested in having access to the provisions of the agreement, complete and return the K-12 School Acknowledge Statement in the license agreement document to WyGISC.

The WyGISC website also contains links to additional educational resources, including lesson plans and Web-based story maps. These resources are available at no cost to download and use in classroom instruction, and can be found here: [http://www.uwyo.edu/wygisc/education/wyoming\\_k12\\_gis\\_license/gis\\_educational\\_resources.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/wygisc/education/wyoming_k12_gis_license/gis_educational_resources.html).

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