96 percent of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry. The business of chemistry is one of Michigan’s largest manufacturing sectors, and supports more than 80,000 jobs. There are dozens of different chemical companies in Michigan, ranging from Fortune 500 to small family-owned distributors.

Most industry companies want to partner with teachers and students. Some have formal programs, but many do not.

What industry partnerships can offer:

- Real life examples and real life people – participation in school or classroom programs, or FACILLITY TOURS!
- Wide variety of career illustrations
- Support and opportunities for you and your students
- Often aimed at Grades 3-8

Off-the-shelf programs:

- Chemical Education Foundation: [www.chemed.org/](http://www.chemed.org/)
  - Essential Elements Guides and Workshops
  - “You be the Chemist” Competition
- MFG Day Events and Tours: [www.mfgday.com](http://www.mfgday.com)
- ACS National Chemistry Week: [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org)
- Smithsonian Science Education Center: [www.ssec.si.edu/](http://www.ssec.si.edu/)

Other company specific programs – often local to you