



What is the NISE Net General Permission?

Also known as *“How can you use this stuff?”*

One of the NISE Net’s goals is to create and make available a wide range of resources and products to be used for nano education. We want those resources to be as flexible and easily accessible as possible, so all the NISE Network-developed resources are available “open source.” As long as you’re using our products for non-commercial, educational purposes, you can print, download, reproduce, distribute, perform, and/or display them.

We also welcome you to edit or adapt our resources (again, for non-commercial, educational purposes). If you do modify our resources, we just ask that you make them available to others under the same open source principles as the original and include a credit statement (see below). This is the same as a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/us/>)

Exceptions? In a few cases, there are materials in our catalog or kits that were developed by other groups or organizations with limitations on how those products can be used. If there are limitations, they will be included in “Credits and Permissions” section of the nisenet.org catalog listing.

How can you tell if it’s a NISE Network-developed resource?

All our resources will have the NISE Net logo, NSF logo, and the Cooperative Agreement number. They look like this:



Cooperative Agreement No. ESI-0532536.

Unless we explicitly say so otherwise, anything that has that logo and the Cooperative Agreement number on it is free to use, reproduce, hack, perform, and otherwise make your own (for non-commercial, educational purposes, that is).

What kind of credit should you use?

All NISE Network resources or products must include the NSF and NISE Net logos and the credit statement:

“Developed for the NISE Network with funding from the National Science Foundation under Cooperative Agreement #ESI-0532536. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Foundation.”

Our physical products, such as hand-outs, posters, and guidebooks will have that release on them already. If you’re presenting a program, you can include that credit and logos as a slide, or you can credit the NISE Net and NSF verbally.

If you’ve made changes to our products, please include the following credit statement on your modified product:

“Based on (a program, exhibit, publication, video, or material) developed by (Organization) for the NISE Network, with funding from the National Science Foundation under Cooperative Agreement #ESI-0532536. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Foundation.”