

Instruction

Environmental Educational

The Governing Board recognizes that the schools play a crucial role in educating students on environmental issues and preparing them to be the stewards of their natural resources. The quality of life in future generations will depend upon our students' willingness and ability to solve today's environmental problems and prevent new ones from developing.

The Board desires to offer environmental education that fosters attitudes of personal responsibility toward the environment and provides students with the concepts, knowledge and skills needed to contribute meaningfully to decisions involving the environment and its resources. At all grade levels, environmental facts should be taught as they relate to each other, so that students will understand basic ecological principles and appreciate the interrelated nature of living processes, the effect of human activities on ecological relationships, and the interdependence of humanity and nature.

The Board encourages school and classroom activities that encourage students to recycle, conserve water and energy, use biodegradable materials when possible, and dispose of wastes in an environmentally sound way.

Sixth grade students shall be offered the opportunity to participate in outdoor education programs.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 Environmental education
8720-8723 Conservation education service
8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation program
37222.5 John Muir; recognition of his contributions
51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6
51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12
52760-52764 Endangered species education project

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