

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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 knowledge and skills needed to make decisions involving the environment and its resources. Students should 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.

School and classroom activities should encourage students to recycle, conserve water and energy, use biodegradable materials when possible, and dispose of wastes in an environmentally sound way.

Students may increase their understanding of science and the interdependence of living things through the study of endangered species in local habitats and through participation in projects related to this study.

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 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