

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Environmental Education is a part of lifelong learning. Students should be given opportunities to learn about the following:

1. To understand the importance of the wise and responsible use of our natural resources in the local communities and in the world on the larger scale.
2. To learn about responsible decision-making regarding environmental issues such as land development, conservation, historical preservation and energy use.
3. To understand the impact humans have on natural processes and to learn methods of problem-solving to search out alternative solutions.
4. To appreciate the delicate balance that must be maintained in our natural world in order to preserve this planet for generations to come.

Instruction in Environmental Education should be carried out District-wide at all grade levels. Curriculum should include lessons in Natural History, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Marine Biology, Ecology, Agriculture and other related topics. Learning experiences such as field trips, residential programs, conservation work and natural science field studies are hands-on experiences that should be utilized.