Educators:
Implementing Environmental Education in My School:
Select the action strategies that make sense for your school.

Integrate into Curricula

- Look for opportunities to integrate content across disciplines within the curriculum
- Provide opportunities for students to utilize place-based and project-based learning, service learning or other ways to participate in environmental decisions and problem-solving
- Ensure students have ample opportunities to develop content knowledge and skills, as well as environmental sensitivity or an empathetic view of the environment and its problems and issues
- Seek out professional development or professional learning communities to increase knowledge and skills in environmental literacy
- Intentionally incorporate families into environmental education experiences

Assess and Evaluate

- Use formative assessments in environmental literacy in the classroom
- Use assessment results to help improve learning experiences for students in environmental literacy
- Assist students and parents in utilizing the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) to track (a) documentation of efforts in exploring careers related to environmental science and environmental careers; (b) the student’s academic progress; (c) a sequence of courses reflecting progress toward the student’s environmental literacy objectives; (d) relevant assessment scores; (e) the student’s plans for, and experiences in, contextual and service learning and grants; (f) other data reflecting student progress toward postsecondary and workforce readiness related to environmental literacy
Use the School Building

- Work with kitchen, maintenance and other school staff to create learning opportunities
- Involve students in projects or service learning opportunities that enhance environmental literacy and involve the school building

Use the School Grounds

- Assess the qualities of the schoolyard, building and local community to identify the unique assets of each individual school that can be utilized for learning
- Recognize that spending time outdoors can help improve behavior
- Create wildlife habitat on school grounds
- Use the outdoors for interdisciplinary teaching

Use the Community

- Work with local transportation entities to use public transportation for field trips
- Engage in professional learning communities to explore opportunities to utilize the community for learning

Connect with Others in EE

- Access the online network when planning lessons or units of study
- Upload curricula, lesson plans, resources and information about programs to share with other educators
- Share ideas and resources
  - Form professional learning communities or small study teams to answer questions like: “How can we integrate environmental education into this curriculum unit?” or “How can we use the school yard/local park/school building for learning?”
- Observe or shadow teachers who are already integrating EE into their classrooms
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