

Liberty Union High School District

Board Policy

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Subject: Environmental Education

The Governing Board recognizes that schools play a crucial role in educating students about the relationship between humans and the natural world and in preparing them to have the skills, knowledge, and principles needed to solve environmental problems. The Board believes that all students should understand ecological systems and the impact of human action on such systems, including, but not limited to, climate change. The district's environmental education program shall promote environmental literacy and shall prepare students to be stewards of natural resources and live an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

The district's local control and accountability plan may include local goals and priorities for environmental literacy.

The district's program may also provide for active student participation in onsite resource conservation and management programs and the promotion of service learning partnerships. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with other local educational agencies and/or community-based organizations to enhance the curriculum and learning experiences provided to students.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that environment-based learning experiences are made available on an equitable basis and that the environmental literacy curriculum reflects the linguistic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of California.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development for teachers in the development and effective implementation of curriculum and activities inside and outside of the classroom that promote environmental literacy.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
Ed. Code 33541	Science requirements
Ed. Code 37222	John Muir; recognition of his contributions
Ed. Code 51210	Course of study for grades 1-6
Ed. Code 51220	Course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51227.3	Environmental principles and concepts
Ed. Code 51795-51797	School instructional gardens
Ed. Code 60041	Ecological systems and their protection
Ed. Code 8700-8707	Environmental education
Ed. Code 8720-8723	Conservation education service
Ed. Code 8760-8773	Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry
Pub. Res. Code 71300-71305	Statewide environmental education
Management Resources	Description
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	North American Association for Environmental Education
Website	Green Schoolyards America, National COVID-19 Outdoor Learning Initiative
Website	Green Schoolyards America
Website	California Department of Education, Environmental Education and Environmental Literacy
Website	California Education and the Environment Initiative
Website	California Regional Environmental Education Community

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0415	Equity
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1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools
3260	Fees And Charges
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3510	Green School Operations
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3511	Energy And Water Management
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3511.1	Integrated Waste Management
3514	Environmental Safety
3514	Environmental Safety
4131	Staff Development
5030	Student Wellness
6000	Concepts And Roles
6011	Academic Standards
6141	Curriculum Development And Evaluation
6141	Curriculum Development And Evaluation
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