

## WHAT ARE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES?

- *Place-based study of natural and human histories of the Skykomish/Snohomish Watershed, including a focus on Indigenous cultures and communities*
- *The tools of a scientist, researcher and citizen*
- *Naturalist skills; recording data and observations*
- *The methodology of science and mathematical problem solving*
- *Literature and the writing process as tools to record and reflect on the human experience*
- *Developing written and oral presentations and advocating for Environmental issues*
- *Environmental problem solving and social justice issues in the US and around the world*
- *Teamwork and how to be part of a community*
- *Outdoor safety and recreation*

## 6-12 Opportunities:

### Environmental Studies School (ESS)

- **Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Weight:** 5
- **Curriculum:** An integrated approach covering **Field Science, PE, ELA, Art, History, Social Studies**, and more.
- **Open to:** Students entering grades **6-10.**

### Field Science (New for 2026/2027!)

- **Schedule:** Tuesdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Weight:** 2
- **Open to:** Students entering grades **6-12**.
- Note: Entering 5th graders may enroll if a parent can attend field trips every week.

# Environmental Studies School

Grades 6-10

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# Field Science

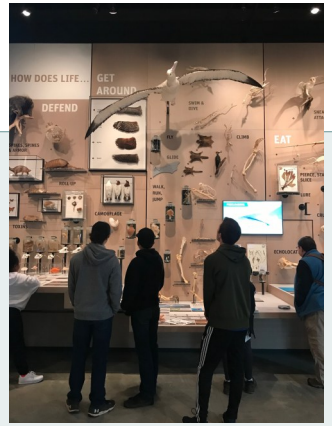
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## LEARNING BY DOING

The Environmental Studies School uses outdoor experiences and projects to reinforce and apply traditional classroom skills. Academic core subjects, are integrated into our study of the natural world. Staff provides mentoring and facilitate to help each student achieve success.

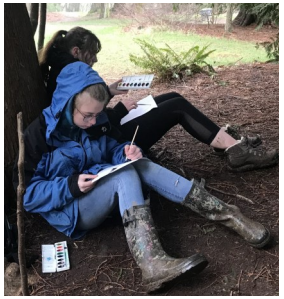
The outdoors is an inspiring laboratory of experiences that fuels writing, and is a rich source of practical applications in math, geography, history, science, and community action.

## LEARNING BY LEADING

ESS has several leadership opportunities and traditions spanning the four years. Students are welcomed back to campus with outdoor activities and finish the year with an end-of-the-year-camp.

## WHO WE ARE

ESS is a small cohort program that enables us to focus on the learning needs of each individual student and provide them support and feedback. The program utilizes a spiraling curriculum, with honors options, to engage students over multiple academic years.
ESS is a learning community of students, families, and staff where we value, support, and enrich each student's unique learning needs. Teachers are mentors and coaches who enjoy learning alongside students.



## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF FAMILIES IN ESS?

As with every SVEC program, families partner with our school to take responsibility for a portion of their students' education. In ESS this means families support student learning on non-program days, volunteer in the classroom, attend field science trips, and portfolio days. There are also a variety of opportunities for families to get involved in fundraising activities. Families are required to provide transportation to and from school.

### Notice of Non-Discrimination

*The Monroe School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.*

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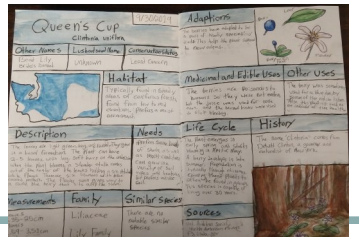


## WHAT WE STUDY

We place value on the whole child with a specific focus on creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Students learn to communicate effectively in a collaborative learning environment grounded in academic studies and the outdoors.

**Students in ESS Study**
Field & Environmental Sciences, Scientific Inquiry & Naturalist Studies, Academic Reading and Writing, Creative Writing, Social Studies, Art, Career Studies, Study Skills

**High School Credit offerings:**
**1 credit each year for grades 9-12**
**Lab Science**
**English**
**US History or**
**Current World Problems (alternates years)**
**Civics .5 PE /.5 Art**
***Career Credit possible**




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