

# **Climate Educator Toolkit**

## Overview

We greatly appreciate your help raising awareness for **climate education**. This toolkit includes all necessary materials to support you in your own education and the resources to teach and inspire students to create change in the classroom, school, and community.

# Educate.

Question	Answer
What is Climate Education?	Climate education includes a multidisciplinary approach, involving elements of environmental science, meteorology, ecology, economics, sociology, policy studies, and more. The goal of climate education is to equip individuals with the information and tools needed to make informed decisions, take responsible actions, and advocate for policies that address the challenges posed by climate change.
Why do we need it?	Climate education is a critical tool for raising awareness, fostering informed decision-making, enabling advocacy, and ultimately addressing the complex challenges posed by climate change. In the U.S., more than 86 percent of teachers and 84 percent of parents support climate change education in schools (Columbia, 2023).
What framework is provided for states? How do we teach it?	The NGSS standards are grounded in science and provide valuable framework, multidisciplinary approach, hands – on activities, local relevancy and connections through local experts, storytelling, etc. Climate education can be taught in a holistic approach with a real-world lens for all ages of learners. Learners will become problem solvers, change makers, and advocates for their community, state, and the world. These standards help to ensure that students have equitable access to materials in order to prepare them for college, career, and citizenship  To learn more about how to transition to NGSS standards and work with your district to adopt these standards HERE

### Advocate.

### **Op-Ed Template HERE**

• Please feel free to personalize the piece to your location, culture, and industry.

#### Letter Template **HERE**

• This letter can be used for School Board Officials, City, County or State Government Officials, or other entities that can help influence education policy.

## Action.

## Climate Education Website Page HERE

• Includes Curriculum Resources, General Education Toolkit, and Climate Education Newsletter sign up

#### Volunteer with Earthday.org HERE

• Volunteer for a clean up in your area

# Inspire.

#### **Get Social**

• Specifically for educators. Follow on instagram @earthdayeducators

Thank you for supporting your students, school, community and beyond, by incorporating climate education. The learning skills that come out of climate education are invaluable. Look for important updates on education centered resources and climate education policies, locally and globally at **earthday.org** 

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