

Community Focus Statement C: Promote respect for nature and the surrounding environment

Action Statement C.2: Encourage environmental-focused education in the local schools.



Benchmark: Partnerships exist between the Snowline Joint Unified School District to develop educational programs that focus on protecting the natural environment and how to become better stewards of natural resources. Programs incorporated into the environmental science curriculum at local schools, and tools and ideas available to begin green practices at school, home, or work.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$500 – \$1,500 per school

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a committee of community members with specific interests/ expertise in the environment and environmental education.	Champion	Month 1	Snowline Joint Unified School District http://www.snowlineschools.com/
2. Work with the school district and school organizations to determine environmental learning opportunities.	Environmental Education Committee	Month 2	National Environmental Education Advisory Council https://www.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-education-advisory-council
3. Appoint a green ambassador such as an administrator or a teacher to start an educational program, lead school efforts, and get students involved in making schools and the community more environmentally friendly.	Environmental Education Committee in coordination with School District	Months 2 - 4	Why is Environmental Education Important? http://www.fundee.org/campaigns/nclb/brief2b.htm
4. Brainstorm with students, administrators, and the school district on a list of organizations and government agencies that could serve as resources to school programs.	Environmental Education Committee in coordination with School District	Months 5 – 6	
5. Help build a community of environmentally conscious citizens through classroom activities, field studies, community gardens, recycling, composting, eco-literacy, and green practice.	Environmental Education Committee	Months 6 – 8	
6. Encourage green ambassadors and students to attend leadership training provided by the Alliance for Climate Education and related training opportunities.	Environmental Education Committee in coordination with School District	On-going	
7. Continue to get community members engaged, active, and involved in efforts to save energy in their schools, homes, businesses, and the broader community.	Environmental Education Committee	On-going	