

Instruction**AR 6142.5****ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

The District's environmental education curriculum shall satisfy the following criteria:

1. Instruction shall be aligned to California's academic content standards.
2. The curriculum will be based on the Environmental Principles and Concepts described in the Model Curriculum Plan, required by AB1548, The Education and the Environment Initiative.

Principle I: The continuation and health of individual human lives and of human communities and societies depend on the health of the natural systems that provide essential goods and ecosystem services.

Principle II: The long-term functioning and health of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems are influenced by their relationships with human societies.

Principle III: Natural systems proceed through cycles that humans depend upon, benefit from and can alter.

Principle IV: The exchange of matter between natural systems and human societies affects the long-term functioning of both.

Principle V: Decisions affecting resources and natural systems are based on a wide range of considerations and decision-making processes.

3. Environmental education will be woven into the core curricular areas as appropriate.
4. The curriculum will foster environmental ethics.

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The superintendent or designee will provide staff development as necessary to ensure that teachers are adequately prepared to teach the environmental principles and concepts.

Policy

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