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NJ Climate Change Education Resources

The New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) are designed to prepare students to understand how and why climate change happens, the impact it has on our local and global communities and to act in informed and sustainable ways. The website is designed to foster an interdisciplinary approach to climate change education that is evidence-based, action-oriented and inclusive.

Message From First Lady Tammy S. Murphy



Dear New Jersey Educators,

Year after year, New Jersey's public education system is ranked one of – if not the best – in the nation. This achievement is a point of pride for our state and would not be possible without the dedication, creativity, and skillfulness of our educational professionals.

Your work is not simply job preparation. You teach each generation to communicate, to think critically, and to be curious about the world around them.

As we face the reality of the climate crisis as a state, we must also help the next generation of leaders prepare for the environmental challenges of the future. Through the incorporation of climate change education across our New Jersey Student Learning Standards, your classrooms and communities can become even greater incubators for cutting-edge ideas, critical and creative thinking, and practical problem-solving, to best cultivate a generation of solutions and plans that are sustainable.

The challenge ahead of us is great. But, with the Governor's commitment to reaching 100 percent clean energy by 2050 and a host of other green initiatives, New Jersey is positioned to be a leader of the climate movement – now and in the future. Together, we can ensure that our students are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to combat the climate crisis, no matter what career they choose.

I know our students couldn't possibly be in better hands, and I thank you all!

My very best,

First Lady Tammy Murphy



[Climate Change Education: New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#)



Selected NJSLs organized by grade band and content area as well as sample interdisciplinary connections by grade bands

[Responding to Climate Change: What's Happening in NJ Schools](#)



News articles that show how NJ students and teachers engage in climate change education

[First Lady Tammy Murphy & Climate Change Education](#)



First Lady Tammy Murphy makes climate change education a priority in New Jersey



[Understanding Climate Change](#)



Resources that describe the effects of climate change and what is being done in New Jersey communities

[Instructional Resources](#)



Sample activities, lesson plans and units for K-12 educators

[Evaluating Climate Change Instruction](#)



Guidance documents to assist the creation, evaluation and selection of climate change instructional resources and practices

[Real World Activities and Challenges](#)



Opportunities for teacher and student involvement in real world environmental advocacy and citizen science

[Community Engagement and Partnerships](#)



Advocacy groups, higher education, organizations and NJ state agencies devoted to climate education

[Podcasts, Videos and Webinars](#)



Podcasts, videos and webinars that focus on different aspects of climate change education

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- Computer Science & Design Thinking
- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Visual and Performing Arts
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