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✓ NJ Student Climate Challenge

Session Recordings

Previous Finalists

2023 Sustainability Summit

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2022 - 2023 School Year

Climate change is one of the planet's most pressing concerns, and its effects are amplified in New Jersey. Recognizing that education is a critical agent in addressing the issue of climate change, New Jersey was the first in the nation to incorporate K-12 climate change education across content areas in its 2020 Student Learning Standards. The goal is to equip educators with the tools to help students understand the causes and impacts of global warming and how to adapt to climate change.

The New Jersey Student Climate Challenge is open to New Jersey public school students in grades 6 to 12. It is an innovative way for teachers to motivate their students to learn about climate change through a fun place-based project that aligns with the new Climate Change Education Student Learning Standards. Students work in small groups to complete a school or community project that addresses a cause or impact of climate change and then share what they have accomplished in a short digital story video.

How it Works

- The Challenge is FREE.
- Teachers [register](#) their class or club to participate.
- Under their teacher's mentorship, teams of 2 to 12 students complete a school or community project that addresses a cause or impact of climate change.
- **Each team creates a digital story video about the project and completes a Climate Challenge submission form by April 21, 2023.**
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place middle and high school winners are recognized at an Awards Ceremony hosted by First Lady Tammy Murphy.
- School winners receive grants to advance their climate education initiatives ranging from \$2,500 to \$500.

[Teacher Registration](#)

Teacher Resources

Submission Information Sessions

These sessions are dedicated to answering teacher questions on the Climate Challenge submission and review process. We will walk-through the submission form and the required documents, review how the submissions will be evaluated, and answer questions.

- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 [View Recording](#)
- Wednesday March 22, 2023 [View Recording](#)

Recorded Information Sessions

- Tuesday, November 29, 2022 [View Recording](#)
- Monday, December 5, 2022 [View Recording](#)
- Tuesday, January 24, 2023 [View Recording](#)

Connecting Climate Change to Curriculum

This free full-day professional development day for middle and high school teachers, supervisors, and administrators will:

- Enhance participant's knowledge of the causes and impacts of climate
- Review the new climate change education student learning standards
- Share strategies and examples for integrating climate change education into existing curriculum
- Provide an opportunity for common planning with content area peers
- Highlight free resources to support climate change education

[Learn More](#)

Educational Session Recording

Over the last two years, students and teachers participated in a variety of webinars exploring the causes and impacts of climate change and the strategies for addressing them. [Browse the list of session recordings available for your viewing.](#)

Useful Links

- [Teacher Registration Form](#)
- [Climate Challenge Teacher Guide](#)
- Climate Challenge Student Guide: [Word PDF](#)
- [Climate Challenge Official Rules](#)
- [Student Consent and Release Form](#)
- Climate Challenge Submission Form: [Form PDF](#)

Questions?

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