

Environmental Literacy Plan Teacher Survey

Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of the Rappahannock, and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay are in the process of selecting a steering committee and writing an Environmental Literacy Plan for your school district. Teacher input is important part of our plan. Please complete the following survey by **Friday, November 10th**.

Best regards,
Sharon Conner, Robin Didlake, & Meredith Dash

* Indicates required question

1. Which school district are you a part of?

⌵ Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Caroline
- ☐ Essex
- ☐ Middlesex

2. Which grade level do you teach? *

⌵ Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ Middle/Intermediate School
- ☐ High School
- ☐ I work across 2 or more schools

3. Subject(s) you teach (Check all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Art
- ☐ Career and Technical Education
- ☐ Exceptional Education
- ☐ Language Arts
- ☐ Math
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies/History
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Theater Arts
- ☐ World Languages
- ☐ Other: _____

4. How often do you use the outdoors to teach? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Once a quarter
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ As much as I am able
- ☐ Not applicable

5. What resource(s) do you use when you teach outdoors? (check all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Garden space
- ☐ Open field
- ☐ Outdoor classroom
- ☐ Trail
- ☐ Water feature (stream, creek, pond, etc)
- ☐ I do not teach outdoors
- ☐ Other: _____

6. How comfortable are you taking students outdoors for educational experiences? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very comfortable
- ☐ Somewhat comfortable
- ☐ Not comfortable

7. When working with students in an outdoor setting, what are some of your concerns? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Behavior management
- ☐ Weather conditions
- ☐ Lack of available outdoor space
- ☐ Lack of ADA friendly spaces
- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Do not see the value or need
- ☐ Unrelated to curriculum
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What type of environmental experiences do your students receive as part of their school day? (recycling in classroom, etc.) *

9. What type of environmental experiences do your students receive as part of out of school time? (clubs, afterschool activities, etc) *

10. Have you heard of a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience or MWEE? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes, I have received MWEE training (MWEE 101 and/or MWEE 102)
- ☐ Yes, my students participate in MWEE
- ☐ Yes, I have heard the term
- ☐ No, I am curious to learn more
- ☐ No, I have not heard of MWEE and I am not interested

11. Is there an outdoor field experience that you would like to do with your students? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. If you answered yes above, please describe the experience and how it relates to your curriculum?

13. Who are your local experts who you reach out to for guest speaking on environmental issues? Please be specific and share a name or email if you have it. (ex. Park ranger, forester)

14. What are some of the positive steps that you see your school doing or would like to see your school taking to protect the environment and model good stewardship? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Water bottle refilling stations
- ☐ Students and staff are encouraged to use refillable water bottles
- ☐ Paper/glass/can recycling
- ☐ Composting bins for cafeteria food waste
- ☐ Reduce food waste
- ☐ Energy efficient lighting
- ☐ Planting trees
- ☐ Other: _____

What type of professional development would you like to see as a result of an Environmental Literacy Plan for your district?

15. [Project WILD](#) - become certified to teach using a wildlife-based conservation curriculum that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and related natural resources. *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

16. [Project WET](#) - become certified to teach using hands-on, project-based activities related to water. *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

17. [Project Learning Tree \(PLT\)](#) - become certified to teach a curriculum based on using trees and forests as windows on the world. *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

18. Tips for Teaching Outdoors (ex. Behavior management, preparedness, using natural materials, etc.) *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

19. [MWEE 101 and 102](#) - Online courses offered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to learn about the steps to facilitating a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience. *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

20. [Virtual Virginia](#): Online, asynchronous modules for teachers: *

Climate Change & Impacts in VA

Energy Use in VA

Impact of Invasive Species on VA Ecosystems

VA's Forest Ecology and Management

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

What type of professional development do you prefer?

21. Virtual training *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very interested

22. In person trainings on school grounds *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very interested

23. Field Experiences (State Park, Nature Refuge, etc.) *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very interested

24. Hybrid trainings *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very interested

25. Have you ever used any resources on [Bay Backpack](#)? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. If you answered yes, would you recommend the [Bay Backpack](#) to other colleagues/teachers?"

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I have never used Bay Backpack

27. Are you interested in doing summer professional development focused on Environmental Literacy? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, only if there is a stipend
- ☐ Maybe, depending on the topic
- ☐ No

28. If you answered yes to the above question, please list your name and email address below to receive information about opportunities for the summer of 2024.

29. Do you have a school-wide STEM competition or Science Fair? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I don't know

30. Thank you for completing this survey. If you would like your name to be put into a raffle for HCSWCD, Friends of the Rappahannock, or Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay swag, please type your name and email address below.

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