



State Spotlight: New Jersey



New Jersey students in class and a student enjoying nature.

Standards in Action: Climate Change, Climate Education; Community and Global Impact in Comprehensive Health & Physical Education

New Jersey is the first state to adopt Climate Change Standards in all nine content areas for grades K-12. The impact of climate change on human health is a significant threat to our way of life. The human induced climate change is increasing nationwide. The New Jersey Climate Change Standards connect students to think about their health, the community in which they live, and to intentionally embrace learning to identify, design, and create solutions to the climate change challenges in their neighborhoods and around the world.

Key WSCC Components:



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“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.”

-First Lady Tammy Murphy

Key Partners: New Jersey Departments of Agriculture, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Health, and Community Affairs, Sustainable New Jersey

Funding Source: None

Results/Impact: Provided climate change education for 1.4 million students in grades K-12 in New Jersey. Equipped classrooms and communities become even greater incubators for cutting-edge ideas, critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and partners for change. Developed student leaders with the skills and knowledge to embrace the commitment to accelerate New Jersey to 100% clean energy by 2050.

Websites:

- [Jackson’s Elms Elementary School named U.S. Green Ribbon School](#)
- [Climate Change Education: 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#)
- [NJSLS Climate Change Education Resources](#)



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

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