

"EVERY CLASSROOM A GREEN CLASSROOM"



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The TLIS is a seven month "knowledge to action" program supporting TK-12 teachers to integrate environmental sustainability within their classroom curriculum and engage students in action projects at school or in their communities.

All content areas are encouraged to apply!

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS:

"This program gave me what I have been looking for, a way to give students hope and empower them to make change."

--high school teacher participant

"My highlight was definitely seeing the engagement and focus of my students significantly increase."

--middle school teacher participant

"I feel inspired! This has helped me feel more resolved to focus on change-making and action in classroom projects, as well as make more connections between the classroom and greater community."

--elementary teacher participant



DETAILS, DATES & APPLICATION AT
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“Every Classroom a Green Classroom” Teacher Leadership Institute for Sustainability

The Teacher Leadership Institute for Sustainability builds the capacity of TK-12th grade teachers to integrate environmental sustainability, outdoor learning, and student-driven environmental action projects into their core curriculum. This program supports teachers and students to make a commitment to sustainable practices as a learning community and apply their classroom knowledge and skills to impact an environmental issue on their campus or in their community. Join a countywide network of Teacher Leaders with a shared vision for environmental literacy and sustainability education.

During the program, participants will:

- Engage as learners in deepening understanding of frameworks for sustainability
- Define environmental issues relevant to students and schools and identify potential connections to classroom curriculum and assignments
- Collaborate with local environmental education partners for field trip programs and stewardship action projects
- Engage students in identifying, learning about and taking action on an environmental issue relevant to their classroom community.
- Identify opportunities for students to contribute to Green School Certification and/or other existing district greening efforts
- Share their “green classroom profiles” telling the stories of their action projects at the final “sharecase” in April

DATES AND TIMES:

NOTE: The program includes in-person sessions, synchronous virtual sessions, and asynchronous independent work.

- Sunday 10/1/23 9:00am - 1:00pm Kick-off @ Seymour Marine Discovery Center
- Saturday 10/14/23 9:00am-1:00pm @ Santa Cruz COE
- Virtual Afterschool Sessions: Tuesdays 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm (on zoom)
 - 10/17/23
 - 11/7/23
 - 12/5/23
- Saturday 1/20/24 9:00am - 12:00pm @ Santa Cruz COE
- Saturday, 3/9/24 (Optional) STEAM Expo Showcase of Action Projects in Progress
- Saturday 4/20/24: Green Classroom Share Fair and Celebration 9:00am-2:00pm @ Seymour Marine Discovery Center

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

- TK-12 teachers with a passion for connecting their classroom instruction to real-world issues and action
- Environmental Education Partners with programs and/or service learning opportunities related to environmental sustainability, watersheds, ocean and/or climate change

APPLICATIONS: [Apply at this link](#). Application deadline is September 15.

STIPEND PAYMENT: Classroom teacher participants will receive up to \$1200 based on attendance and completion of program ([details here](#))