



# California Education and the Environment Initiative

## Leadership Support



**Arnold Schwarzenegger**  
Governor of California

"As a Californian and as Governor, I am excited for what the future holds for our Golden State. Much of this positive outlook comes from knowing that our young people are full of promise. They are tomorrow's leaders, and with the learning and growth they experience in your classroom, they will be ready for the challenges and opportunities that will be theirs.

This is why I am pumped up about the Education and the Environment Initiative curriculum. This nation-leading initiative will not only prepare the next generation to tackle the environmental issues of their day, it will also get your students ready to excel in California's growing green economy. In addition, it furthers our commitment to maintaining the very highest academic standards.

We live in a place of rich natural beauty and resources that we rely on for our well-being, our prosperity and our lives. My administration and many other groups and individuals are working hard to protect our environment, and one day, that responsibility will belong to your students. I appreciate your role in their preparation. Thanks to your outstanding dedication as a teacher, and with the aid of this fantastic curriculum, they will be ready to shoulder these responsibilities and find great success as they continue building a more sustainable future."



**Linda S. Adams**  
Secretary for Environmental Protection

"I am pleased to present the California Environmental Protection Agency's Education and the Environment Initiative curriculum for integration into your science and history-social science instruction.

This comprehensive, teacher-tested curriculum will bring environment-based education into our classrooms at a time when protecting the environment is paramount. Developed in partnership with the State Board of Education, it's gone through rigorous review and approval, and is based on California education standards. I hope that you and your students find its lessons valuable and engaging.

As we move toward a more clean, green economy, we'll need the next generation of leaders to value sustainable principles and work to find solutions to today's environmental challenges. Thank you for your role in protecting California's future."



**Jack O'Connell**  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

"Students in our classrooms today will be responsible for making decisions that influence the health of the world in which we live.

The Education and the Environment Initiative curriculum provides the foundation to prepare students to be informed, environmentally conscious, decision makers. This curriculum will help students gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of the systems of our planet.

The lessons integrate California's environmental and academic content standards to help students put into context what they are learning. I hope that you will use the EEI curriculum to help students become knowledgeable members of the world community who are inspired and ready to find solutions to global challenges we may face."