

Education and the Environment Initiative

The Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) is a free, state-sponsored, K-12 curriculum that teaches science and history/social science standards through an environmental lens. EEI aligns with many of the concepts covered in Inside the Outdoors programs.

Environment-based instruction makes learning relevant and fun for students by engaging them in topics they care about – the air they breathe, the water they drink, and the food they eat. EEI helps students understand their relationship to the environment while preparing them to be critical thinkers and 21st century problem solvers. EEI teaches select California science and history/social science standards and helps support Common Core and the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards.

Each EEI curriculum unit contains a combination of teacher, classroom, and student components that are full of engaging lessons and informational texts. To access these lessons, you will need to request a password from the state website (<http://info.californiaeei.org/access-eei.html>). It is a very quick process to receive the password. This curricula is password protected because it contains information intended for teachers and administrators only. In addition, the EEI website offers webinars and trainings. With these training you are eligible to receive free printed class sets of materials.

Inside the Outdoors has a list of lesson from the EEI that support the various Field Trips and Traveling Scientist programs (<http://ito.ocde.us/Resources/Pages/EEI.aspx>). We recommend using these lessons as pre- or post-activities to help support your students learning with Inside the Outdoors.

Common Core Correlation Guides: <http://californiaeei.org/curriculum/correlations/commoncore/>

NGSS Correlation Guides: <http://californiaeei.org/curriculum/correlations/nextgenscience/>



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