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The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Presents New Jersey Climate Change Educational Resources

The NJDOE designed a website to support the development and implementation of New Jersey’s Climate Change standards. On June 3, 2020, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) which include Climate Change standards across content areas and grade bands. These standards are designed to prepare students to understand how and why climate change happens, the impact it has on our local and global communities and to act in informed and sustainable ways. This new online resource will provide K-12 educators with materials, tools, and strategies to provide high quality instruction in climate change education.

Resources and materials
The Climate Change Educational Resources website, located on the NJDOE’s website, supports the planning and development of interdisciplinary units that include authentic learning experiences, integrate a range of perspectives and are action oriented. This website provides a variety of resources that includes the following:

- guidance documents to assist in the creation, evaluation and selection of climate change instructional resources;
- opportunities for teacher and student involvement in real world environmental advocacy and citizen science; and
- sample activities, lessons and unit plans for K-12 educators.

Contact information
For questions regarding this resource, please contact standards@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3884.

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