Step 7: Create Your Eco-Code

Creating a call to action that the whole school can get behind

Communication | Design | Information, Communications & Technology Literacy | Empathy | Teamwork | Creativity | Persuasion | Critical Thinking

What is it?

The Eco-Code is the Eco-Action Team's mission statement. It should demonstrate – in a positive, clear and imaginative way - the whole school's commitment to improving their environmental performance. The Eco-Code should be reflective of your Eco-Action Plan, curriculum and student experiences.

How Does it Work?

The Eco-Code is a great way to get people thinking about the work members of the Eco-Action Team are trying to do and why they are trying to do it. The Eco-Action Team could create a song, statement, poem, rap, acronym, acrostic, limerick, or something even more creative! The creation of the Eco-Code is student-driven and should be reviewed and updated every two years. The Eco-Code should be prominently displayed in a variety of locations around the school.

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Award Criteria

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The whole school and greater community is given the opportunity to make suggestions on developing (or refining and enhancing) the Eco-Code | The Eco-Action Team takes suggestions, refines the Eco-Code and takes to full school for adoption | The Eco-Code is prominently displayed for all to see as they enter the school | The Eco-Code is reviewed every year to ensure relevancy

How can you help?

When an Eco-Action Team is trying to come up with an Eco-Code it is a good chance for them to think about the wider environmental and sustainability issues impacting their city, state, nation and globe. Help students to develop their critical and systems thinking skills. If you are artistic, this is a great opportunity to help students develop their poetic, lyrical and artistic skills. This is also a great opportunity to get the school community involved, through Eco-Code development contests.