Action For A Cleaner Tomorrow

A South Carolina Environmental Curriculum Supplement

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What is *Action For A Cleaner Tomorrow*?

Simply put, it is an activity-based, interdisciplinary curriculum supplement.

It serves as a starting place for incorporating basic environmental education in the classroom.

It challenges students to learn more...about their State and the state of their environment.

And it helps students get the facts, think for themselves, form opinions, make decisions and take *action for a cleaner tomorrow*
The History

- Introduced in 1993
- Developed by South Carolina teachers, SC DHEC in conjunction with the SC Department of Education and others
- South Carolina specific information
- Correlated to SC Science Standards
- 15th revised edition
- More than 53,000 teachers and educators have been trained
Action For A Cleaner Tomorrow lessons are:

- Teacher friendly
- Hands-on activities
- Lessons are for all ages and levels
- Integrate “Action” across the curriculum
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Teacher Training

- The training and materials are available at *no cost*
- Each teacher completing the workshop receives a copy of the “Action” notebook
- During a Professional Development Day, Teacher Meetings, District Wide In-Service, and Conferences
- Present at Colleges with the pre-service teachers
“Action” by the Numbers

2013-2014: 916 teachers

2014-2015: 948 teachers

2015-2016: 812 teachers
After “Action” Workshop

- **Leave Resources**
  posters, videos, DHEC web, other SC programs, DHEC programs and contacts

- **Stay connected with the teachers**
  contact information in data base
  email as curriculum is updated, grants, summer workshop
Classroom Presentations

*Action in the Classroom*

- 5th grade
- 7th grade
- High School Environmental Science

*Green Driver Project*

Driver’s Ed
2013-2014 School Year by the Numbers

451 schools had *Action in the Classroom* presentations

44,928 students were taught
Take Action Today Summer Workshop

one-day comprehensive environmental education workshop for SC educators

Take Action Today Awards
Recognizes schools and educators for their outstanding waste reduction, recycling and composting efforts

Catawba Trail Elementary
Outstanding Compost Award
Thoughts along the way....

- Stay Current
- Be Flexible
- Keep Teachers Informed
- Recognition

The success of “Action” is a result of wide support from educators and schools, the State, sponsors and the community