EDUCATION PLAN TEMPLATE

Tree Campus K-12

To earn Tree Campus K-12 recognition, schools must implement an education plan outlining tree-related learning experiences provided to students throughout the school year. The plan should provide a roadmap and guidance for the educators, staff, or community partners who may help facilitate these experiences.

This plan should fit the school's needs and could include a tree-focused classroom curriculum, outdoor activities, off-campus excursions, and more. This does not have to occur during the school day and does not need to include all students in the school.

A qualifying Education Plan must include the following:

* A clearly stated purpose.
* A tree-related learning experience that the school (or individual classroom(s)) will focus on; If there are multiple, list each with a brief description and provide a timeline of implementation.
* The number of students engaged in each experience; list any community members or organizations involved.

# HOW TO USE THIS TEMPLATE

Your Education Plan is not required to follow the templated format outlined below, but it could be a good tool to help you get started.

This template is designed for you to be able to add your school's information, goals, lessons, and more. You can also add additional sections that make this plan specific to your school. If any of the other Tree Campus Standards are integrated into your Education Plan (Hands-on Experiences and Arbor Day Observance), you can include them here to demonstrate how the activities connect, but you will also be required to upload proof of each standard separately when applying.

We encourage you to create and revisit this plan with your Tree Campus Team at the beginning of each school year to help guide your activities for the year. If you have any questions in developing your Education Plan, please contact k12@arborday.org.

[SCHOOL NAME] Tree Campus Education Plan

# (Reqiured Section) Purpose/Overview

The [school’s] Tree Campus Education Plan intends to...

*In this section you should outline your school's purpose and goals in integrating Tree Focused Education in your classroom. Consider the Following:*

* *What benefits of trees are most important to your school and community?*
* *What are you hoping students and staff gain from a stronger connection to their community's trees?*
* *How will this Education Plan help you meet these goals?*
* *What is the scale of your school's* *tree-focused education? Is it schoolwide, or focused on just one or two grades?*
* *By becoming a Tree Campus, what other benefits is your school experiencing? (Leadership opportunities for students, career exposure, support for funding, etc.)*

# (Required Section) Tree Related Learning Experiences

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| Learning Experience #1 |
| Lesson Title |
| Summarize the learning experience here including any relevant collaborators, curriculum or details.Type of learning experience: Δ Classroom Lesson Δ Hands-On Experience Δ Field Trip/Off Site Δ Guest Speaker Δ Other |
| # of students engaged | Lowest Grade Engaged | Highest Grade Engaged | Approx Date of Experience |
| Learning Experience #2 |
| Lesson Title |
| Summarize the learning experience here including any relevant collaborators, curriculum or details. |
| # of students engaged | Lowest Grade Engaged | Highest Grade Engaged | Approx Date of Experience |

# (Optional Section) Impact and Growth

Describe how this learning plan will help your students learn about trees, conservation, or other tree-related topics. Consider the following:

* Are there any measurable outcomes or impacts that you hope to see?
* Are there any goals your Tree Campus Team would want to include in your Education Plan?
* How do these learning experiences relate to one another to create an well-rounded learning experience with trees?

# (Optional Section) Resources and Links

You could consider including links to resources that your school is using in the education plan. This could include links to lesson plans or PowerPoints, specific websites that outline a program your school is participating in, photos of the learning experiences throughout the year, and more. Consider the following:

* What are the key resources, lessons, or activities that demonstrate tree-focused learning at your school?
* Is there anything you’d include to help tell the story of tree-focused learning at your school?

# (Optional Section) Anything you’d like!

You can add as many sections as needed to customize this education plan to your school's Tree Campus journey.