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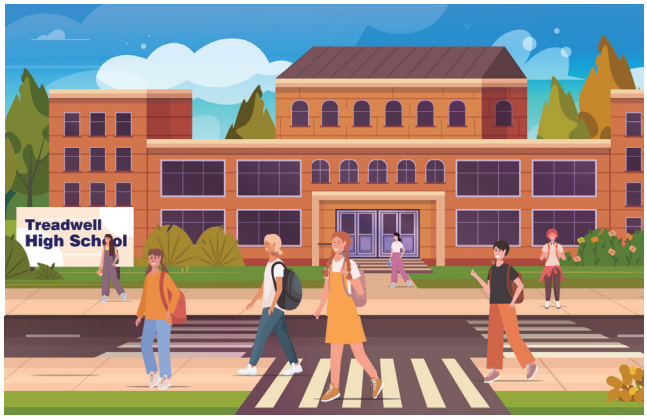
Bulletin for Educators

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The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) mission is to protect the environment and human health. IDEM ensures Indiana's land is safe to live on, air is safe to breathe, and water is safe to drink. IDEM's environmental educator is a resource for you!

Featured Program

IDEM Visits Your High School Class



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Calling all high school teachers! If you are interested in having a few IDEM experts talk to your students about their career experience, contact us! IDEM experts are chemists, engineers, biologists, geologists, and more, who work in the Offices of Land, Water, and Air Quality to protect Indiana's environment.

They work to delineate wetlands, assess water quality, guide and assist businesses with pollution prevention, and regulate hazardous waste. They monitor air quality and provide guidance to citizens on Air Quality Action Days. They regulate underground storage tanks and confined animal feeding operations. And more! If you are interested in having IDEM visit your high school class to discuss careers and career paths in environmental management, contact IDEM's Environmental Education Program Manager at education@idem.IN.gov.

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Celebrate Science
October 10, 2026
Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis
https://celebratescienceindiana.org/csi/

Environmental Education Association of Indiana Annual conference
November 13–15, 2026
Ball State University, Muncie
https://eeai.org/2026-Conference

Topics to Share

Indiana E-Cycle

Did your classroom or school get some new electronics? If you are replacing old electronics make sure you know how to dispose of them properly! All electronics such as computers, monitors, phones, keyboards, cameras, E-readers, and more need to be recycled and not disposed in the garbage can. To learn more about e-waste and what counts as e-waste, visit IDEM's E-Cycle page.

For a quick list of E-Cycle collectors by county, click here.

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Activity Corner

Population Education Activities and Lesson Plans

Population Education provides activities, lesson plans, and readings for educators. These K-12 materials encourage students to think critically about how people interact with each other and the world around them, engaging students with topics on how we use our natural resources, how each of us impacts environmental quality, and how we can work to ensure human well-being at home and around the globe. Visit their teacher resources page for more information.





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A program of Population Connection



Resources

Discover the Outdoors Field Trip Grant



Thinking about taking your students to a state park for a field trip? Discover the Outdoors, offered by a partnership of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and Indiana State Parks, encourages educators from all K-12 schools to engage students on field trips to an Indiana state park or reservoir by offering grants in the spring. Grant funds can be used to help pay for transportation, program fees, and other program needs. ***Applications are accepted March 15-April 30***, and more information can be found on the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation website.



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