

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Our environmental education programs impact over 40,000 Students each year, grades Kindergarten through High School.



Designed to enhance and supplement curriculum at different grade levels, the NRD offers a variety of programs and projects to assist local schools and their students in our District. These include: resources for the classroom, classroom presentations, Field Trips, Family Nature Nights and Outdoor Classroom Grants.



ABOUT THE NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and governed by a board of directors—elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe, and Butler counties.



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CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Engaging, fun and hands-on, we offer presentations on a variety of natural resources topics for every grade. We can tailor programs to the needs of each classroom. Some of our favorite presentations include: Wildlife CSI, Wetland in a Bag, GPS/Geo-caching and the Ground Water Flow Model and Water Cycle Game, to name a few!



OTHER RESOURCES WE OFFER:

Kindergarten Seed Kits

Worms in the Classroom

Butterflies in the Classroom

Arbor Day Trees

Prairie Immersion

Middle School Earth Day Kits

High School Environmental Mini Grants

FFA Land Judging Contest

Test Your Well Nights

Outdoor Classroom Grants

FIELD TRIPS



The NRD hosts over 3,000 students in the fall and spring on Field Trips to 'wild' spaces. We bring all the materials, facilitate the experiences and the students make the discoveries. Through hikes and dipping in the water, learning is extended beyond the textbook as students learn about resources in their own 'backyard' of Nebraska. They learn about water quality, macroinvertebrates, fish, wildlife, insects, and plants!



FAMILY NATURE NIGHTS

LPSNRD hosts Family Nature Nights at Schools throughout our district. These are designed for the whole family to come and experience different activity stations all about nature and the environment.



Students can see live animals, build a firefly, make butterfly wings, dig for fossils and much more!



earth wellness festival

LPSNRD, along with the Lincoln Children's Zoo, World Bird Sanctuary and many others, is a major partner of the earth wellness festival, a two-day natural resources festival that hosts over 3,500 fifth graders from NRD schools every March. Held at Southeast Community College, students attend several engaging hands-on natural resources based sessions.