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*Course: Environmental Sustainability*

*PEIMS Code: N1303746*

*Abbreviation: ENVSUS*

*Grade Level(s): 9-12*

*Number of Credits: 1.0*

### *Course description:*

PLTW Environmental Sustainability is a high school-level specialization course in PLTW Engineering. In PLTW Environmental Sustainability, students investigate and design solutions to solve real-world challenges related to clean drinking water, a stable food supply, and renewable energy. Students are introduced to environmental issues and use the engineering design process to research and design potential solutions. Utilizing the activity-, project-, and problem-based (APB) teaching and learning pedagogy, students transition from completing structured activities to solving open-ended projects and problems that require them to develop planning, documentation, communication, and other professional skills. Through both individual and collaborative team activities, projects, and problems, students problem solve as they practice common design and scientific protocols such as project management, lab techniques, and peer review. Students develop skills in designing experiments, conducting research, executing technical skills, documenting design solutions according to accepted technical standards, and creating presentations to communicate solutions.

### *Teacher qualifications:*

An assignment for Environmental Sustainability is allowed with one of the following certificates as well as successful completion of the Project Lead The Way's Core Training requirements for Environmental Sustainability.

#### PLTW Core Training:

PLTW's Core Training requires approximately 90 hours of instruction led by PLTW approved Master Teachers. Course mastery is demonstrated by the submission and approval of a course portfolio that meet's PLTW's requirements. After successful completion of Core Training, teachers receive access to the National PLTW Engineering Professional Learning Community, course-specific student and classroom instructional resources, and Ongoing Training resources through the PLTW Content Management System.



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- Legacy Master Science Teacher.
- Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12.
- Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12.
- Physical Science: Grades 6-12.
- Physical Science: Grades 8-12.
- Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12.
- Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12.
- Science: Grades 7-12.
- Science: Grades 8-12.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: Grades 6-12.
- Secondary Industrial Arts (Grades 6-12).
- Secondary Industrial Technology (Grades 6-12).
- Secondary Physics (Grades 6-12).
- Secondary Science (Grades 6-12).
- Secondary Science, Composite (Grades 6-12).
- Technology Education: Grades 6-12.
- Legacy Master Mathematics Teacher.
- Mathematics: Grades 7-12.
- Mathematics: Grades 8-12.
- Secondary Mathematics: Grades 6-12
- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12-
- Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12
- Any vocational agriculture certificate
- Life Science: Grades 7-12
- Life Science: Grades 8-12
- Secondary Physical Science (Grades 6-12)
- Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12. This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12. This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry Pre-Employment Laboratory (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval
- Vocational Trades and Industry Co-op (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval.



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### Additional information:

Districts may use these courses only with the approval of Project Lead The Way. All requirements of Project Lead The Way must be met. Please contact Project Lead The Way directly for these requirements:

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