



Summit Environmental School provides students with a solid educational foundation in the core academic areas with an environmental focus integrated throughout. Units of study emphasize hands-on, outdoor experiences for our students using different outdoor education spaces established on our school site.



Summit school partners with a variety of environmentally-focused agencies to provide students with unique and authentic learning experiences.



“Our ability to perceive quality in nature begins, as in art, with the pretty. It expands through successive stages of the beautiful to values as yet uncaptured by language.”

Aldo Leopold

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Learn more about:

Early Beginnings

Herbarium

Outdoor Education Areas

Unique Features

Yearly Themes

Solar Power Initiatives

Bird Scavenger Hunt



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*Students learning to grow...
Growing to learn*



“When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

Aldo Leopold

Summit Environmental School’s Mission:

Provide students at Summit Environmental School with a solid educational foundation in the basics skills with an environmental focus integrated throughout.

“We believe that the integration of environmental themes throughout our curriculum will help students to build important critical thinking and problem solving skills while learning to be good stewards of the earth and its resources.”

- Dirk Hunter, Former Principal
Summit Environmental School



Guiding Principles:

- ◆ By integrating environmental concepts throughout the curriculum students will gain an in-depth understanding of the interrelationships between natural systems and people.
- ◆ Experiential hands-on learning provides students with the opportunity for discovery and authentic learning
- ◆ The many outdoor environmental zones give students firsthand experiences in natural environmental
- ◆ Our school’s safe & nurturing environment will empower students to grow into productive, contributing citizens

Outdoor Educational Areas:

- ◆ Wisconsin Prairie Grassland
- ◆ Frog Pond
- ◆ Outdoor Weather Station
- ◆ Butterfly Garden
- ◆ Evergreen and White Pine Forest
- ◆ Courtyard Presentation Area
- ◆ Vegetable Garden
- ◆ Rain Garden
- ◆ School Forest—Observation Deck
- ◆ Dirk Hunter Natural Playscape

Environmental Goals:

Summit Environmental School Students will:

- ◆ Connect, explore & engage in the world around them.
- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationships among natural systems and people.
- ◆ Develop an understanding and commitment to environmental stewardship.
- ◆ Be able to identify, investigate and evaluate environmental problems and issues.
- ◆ Develop an understanding of how recreational activities impact environmental systems.



Unique “Green” Features at Summit School:

- ◆ Integrated Environmental Units
- ◆ Environmental Science Partners
- ◆ School Trips which focus on the environment
- ◆ Outdoor Education Areas on site
- ◆ Demonstration Site for Environmental Projects
- ◆ Service Learning Projects for Students
- ◆ Environmental Practice: recycling, waste reduction, energy conservation, etc.

“I believe that our partnership with Summit Environmental School will foster participation in our citizen science programs. Our research and science examples with help broaden the classroom the classroom learning and environmental awareness. In addition, students and their families can collect data that will help humans gain a better understanding of a variety of environmental issues.”

-Randy Hines, Outreach Coordinator
Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center



Environmental Partners:

- ◆ Wisconsin’s Green & Healthy Schools
- ◆ Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education—UWSP
- ◆ Upper Midwest USFWS Environmental Sciences center
- ◆ Myrick Park Center (WisCorps)
- ◆ Genoa Fish Hatchery
- ◆ La Crosse County Sustainability Program
- ◆ Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center
- ◆ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- ◆ US Fish and Wildlife Department
- ◆ Mississippi Valley Conservancy
- ◆ Farm to School Program

