

Academic Standards Alignment

Educational Standards Connection

Participation in the Watershed Essay Contest supports Washington State learning standards across English Language Arts, Science, and Civics.

Students will:

English Language Arts

- ✓ **Conduct short research projects to answer a question or solve a problem.**
- ✓ **Gather relevant information from multiple credible sources.**
- ✓ **Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis and reflection.**
- ✓ **Produce clear, coherent writing appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.**

Science / Environmental Literacy

- ✓ **Analyze human impacts on natural systems.**
- ✓ **Use place-based observation to understand environmental change.**
- ✓ **Evaluate sustainable practices and long-term resource protection.**

Civics / Social Studies

- ✓ **Examine how local decisions affect community health and resources.**
- ✓ **Practice civic engagement by communicating informed perspectives.**
- ✓ **Connect individual responsibility to public stewardship.**

This contest encourages critical thinking, real-world application, and student voice while reinforcing research, writing, and community awareness.