ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOLS (ECS) is a growing network of free public schools in underserved communities of South Los Angeles. ECS prepares students for four-year colleges through a focus on experiential learning and by using the environment as a way to both engage students in project-based learning and prepare them to become leaders in their communities.

Currently our network of schools includes:

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
Lawndale, CA

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Inglewood, CA

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Gardena, CA · Opening 2013
OUR STUDENTS

ECS is an innovative public charter school network serving more than 900 students in south Los Angeles County. Within the next ten years, we expect to open additional schools to serve 3,000 students annually.

The students we serve come from traditionally underserved neighborhoods. More than 75% of our students are from low-income families and are eligible for the federal free or reduced-price meals program. Most of our graduates are the first in their families to attend college.

Our student population is ethnically diverse:

- 68% Hispanic
- 6% Asian
- 20% African American
- 4% Caucasian

OUR MISSION

IS TO EQUIP ALL STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE, TO INSPIRE THEM TO DISCOVER THEIR OWN SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND TO EMPOWER THEM TO BECOME QUALITY STEWARDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WORLD.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. 100% of your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Like many public schools, ECS is in urgent need of outside funds to supplement dwindling state funding. As innovative thinkers and resourceful problem solvers, ECS is confident we can continue to reach exemplary standards of education.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.
Your donation will support students to prepare for college and to positively contribute to their communities.

YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS MUCH MORE THAN ‘JUST’ A SCHOOL. With your help, we will maintain and build safe and vibrant campuses, serve the community at large as an eco-center and model school, share our innovative practices and continue to develop our staff and instruction.

Help us maintain and enhance the practices that have resulted in 90% of our students being accepted into four-year colleges and universities.

PLEASE GIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOLS. Even a small gift can make a big difference.

MAKE A DONATION
We gratefully accept cash and check donations of any amount made payable and mailed to Environmental Charter Schools at 16315 Grevillea Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. To make an online payment visit www.ecsonline.org/donate.

In state-by-state comparisons, California’s per-pupil public school funding ranks 46th. We are 49th in student-teacher ratios, says the Los Angeles Times.
RIGOROUS COLLEGE-PREP ACADEMICS

We believe that engaged students in small learning environments can achieve beyond even their own expectations. That’s why it is a requirement that all ECS students graduate with the coursework necessary to be accepted into a four-year college. Our approach to teaching and empowering students has resulted in:

- **98%** graduate with coursework necessary for admission to four-year college or university (compared to about 35% statewide)
- **90%** of our high school seniors are accepted into four-year colleges
- Ranked in top 3% of Public High Schools in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report
- Inaugural recipient of National Green Ribbon Schools Award from the Department of Education and the Obama Administration
- Green Leadership Award from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for developing and employing innovative strategies and initiatives to enhance our environmental sustainability
- Environmental Protection Agency Award for working to protect public health and the environment
- Service-Learning Leaders Schools Award from the California Department of Education for service-learning excellence and program sustainability
- US Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis spoke at our 2010 commencement after ECHS was selected as 1 of 6 finalists in President Obama’s Commencement Challenge
- Featured in PBS Documentary ‘Growing Greener Schools’ as a prime model for green education

In the state, ECHS is ranked in the top 10% of schools in similar socio-economic groups based on standardized test results.

We offer advanced placement classes, blended learning, after-school electives, athletics programs, college counseling, test prep, tutoring services and more to ensure students’ success.
OUR CAMPUSES ARE ALIVE

Living campuses bring classroom lessons to life by providing inspiring and interactive experiences for our students. Our campuses serve as models for sustainable building design and green practices while embedding both into our instructional program. Community partnerships provide relevant and authentic contexts for learning, leadership and problem-solving.

EXPERIENCE OUR LIVING CAMPUSES BY TAKING A STUDENT-LED TOUR TO SEE HOW WE DEMONSTRATE:

REDDUCING WASTE
Composting, waste and recycling stations with student monitors

WATER CONSERVATION
Living stream, runoff diversion, kid-powered cistern pump, water catchment systems, low-flow plumbing

GROWING FOOD
Fruit tree forest, greenhouse, aquaponics, edible gardens

LIVING SYSTEMS
Chickens, bunnies, native plants, living walls and fences

EFFICIENT, INSPIRED BUILDING DESIGN
Solar-powered LEED-inspired facilities, cob building, outdoor classrooms, bike shop, reused art materials shed, urbanite amphitheater

THE ENVIRONMENT & ECS
BECOME A SUPPORTER

MONETARY SUPPORT & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

We gratefully accept cash and check donations of any amount. Your financial gift lets us immediately and effectively position resources where they are most needed. Consider giving after taking your student-led tour or mail a check to 16315 Grevillea Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. We also accept online donations at www.ecsonline.org/donate.

HELP BUILD CALIFORNIA’S GREENEST CAMPUS

Building materials and partners are needed for the construction of our new LEED-certified middle school. Can your products, technologies or business solutions play a role? At the forefront of promoting sustainable solutions with thousands of visitors each year, our new campus will showcase our favorite sustainable products, technologies and services.

COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

We work closely with companies and nonprofits to create joint programs that teach our students and communities about sustainable solutions, from solar power systems to innovative new learning technologies and more. By partnering with us, your company can leverage the activism and enthusiasm of ECS’ Green Ambassadors students to reach a large audience and support your brand.

If you would like additional information about a donation or sponsorship opportunities please contact partners@ecsonline.org.

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