

ANJEE
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education is to provide a structure, for its members, which facilitates the improvement of environmental education efforts.

GOALS

The goals of ANJEE are to:

- A. promote environmental education in all formal and informal educational endeavors within the state;
- B. encourage both pre-service and in-service training of teachers and educational administrators in environmental concepts, teaching methods and techniques;
- C. provide a network service for the sharing of environmental education resources, experiences and expertise; and,
- D. provide leadership in the formation and implementation of environmental education efforts that¹:
 - 1. Consider the environment in it's totality - natural and built, technological and social, economic, political, moral, cultural and historical, and health and aesthetic aspects.
 - 2. Recognize the complexity and interrelated nature of environmental problems and their possible solutions.
 - 3. Foster a learning process that continues through all stages of life.
 - 4. Are interdisciplinary, with a focus on critical thinking and problem solving skills.
 - 5. Emphasize active participation in preventing environmental problems and working towards their solutions.
 - 6. Examine global, national, regional and local issues as a context for understanding and action.
 - 7. Recognize the importance of a healthy environment and foster responsibility for assuring a sustainable future.

¹ *Based on the criteria for environmental education as defined in the Tblisi Declaration, Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education, October, 1977.*