



Dissemination of MEECS

Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support Materials

In Collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Michigan Geographic Alliance, the Michigan Mathematics and Science Center Network conducted workshops to prepare Michigan teachers to use the MEECS curriculum support materials in their classrooms. MEECS is a set of five standards-based, inquiry-based, and Michigan-oriented environmental curriculum units for students in grades 4 through 9. Material, notebooks and support materials were developed in five areas—Air Quality, Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Energy and Resources, Land Use, and Water Quality. Centers conducted workshop series across the state focusing on each of the units.

Highlights of the collaboration:

- Center teams participated in 5-day institutes to prepare to facilitate MEECS workshops in their regions
- Between January and June 2006, Centers conducted 40 workshops, serving 462 teachers from 117 different school districts
- Between July 2006 and January 2007, 63 workshops were conducted, serving 711 teachers from 163 different school districts
- In end-of-session evaluations, teacher participants responded very favorably to the workshops, indicating their effectiveness in preparing them to use the MEECS materials in their classrooms
- This collaboration shows how effective the Mathematics and Science Center Network can be in widely disseminating an important curriculum resource to teachers across Michigan
- The MDEQ was able to provide a large number of teachers with substantive workshops through this collaboration with the Network that would not otherwise have been possible

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