



Take Action SC 2024 Annual Report

The Take Action SC (TASC) Partnership is dedicated to sharing knowledge, coordinating resources and working together to offer the state's teachers and students the resources and tools to help protect and preserve the environment.

The partnership is comprised of S.C. Department of Environmental Services' (SCDES) Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling (Office), Coastal Carolina University, PalmettoPride, the S.C. Department of Energy, Sustainable Carolina at the University of South Carolina, and Kirkland Smith, S.C. Artist.

"Action for a Cleaner Tomorrow: A South Carolina Environmental Curriculum Supplement" ("Action") was developed by SCDES in conjunction with a statewide team of teachers, science coordinators, and the S.C. Department of Education. "Action" is designed to provide teachers the tools and resources to bring the environment into the classroom. All lessons in the 30th anniversary edition align to the S.C. College- and Career-Ready Science Standards of 2021 and, when possible, contain South Carolina-specific information. "Action" is promoted through teacher workshops and classroom presentations.

Teacher Workshops

To encourage and promote environmental education, it's important to provide training and educational materials to educators so that they are equipped to be successful in the classroom.

For the 2023-2024 school year, 3,174 teachers were trained.

Workshops are available to all K-12 teachers throughout the school year and summer break. Workshops also are available to pre-service teachers at colleges/universities.

To schedule an "Action" presentation, please contact Mary Margaret Mendenhall at MMMendenhall@greenleafedu.com.



3,174 TEACHERS

reached through "Action" training and presentations.



Action in the Classroom

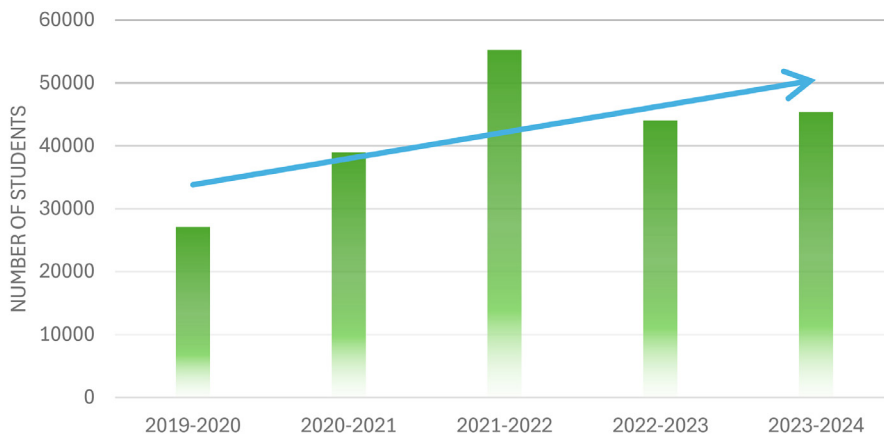
"Action in the Classroom" (AIC) provides an overview of recycling in South Carolina as well as lessons about natural resources, food waste reduction, composting, water and air quality related to waste reduction, litter prevention, energy conservation and other environmental initiatives. These presentations are available through:

- **In-person classroom presentations** for grades 5, 7, and high school;
- **Virtual presentations for ALL grades** (available through various online platforms); and
- **Entire school/grade level presentations.**

For the 2023-2024 school year, a total of **289 schools** participated in the TASC Program. Of those, **17 schools** participated in entire school presentations in which all grade levels were included. To schedule an AIC presentation, visit takeactionsc.org/educators.

TASC measures the knowledge gained from these presentations and teacher workshops. Each group is given a pre-test and post-test. Pre-test scores on average, **soared from 66 percent to 99 percent in post-tests** for students. For the past five years, TASC has seen a steady increase in the number of students who are taught lessons from "Action" curriculum. This measurement shows the growing support our program has with educators across South Carolina.

ACTION IN THE CLASSROOM



45,399 STUDENTS

were taught "Action" lessons in both virtual and classroom presentations.



99% ACCURACY

(on average) from students and teachers during "Action" lesson post-tests.



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