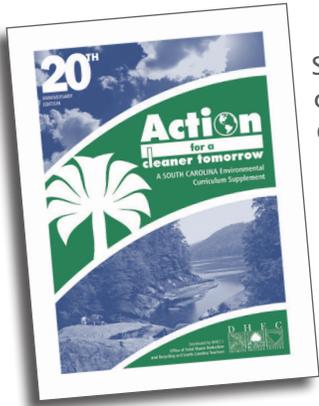


ACTION for a Cleaner Tomorrow

PROGRAM REPORT



Since 1993, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling has provided free environmental education programs to K-12 students based on its award-winning environmental curriculum supplement, "Action for a Cleaner Tomorrow" ("Action").

waste, conserving natural resources, protecting air and water as well as a new lesson on school recycling. When possible, South Carolina-specific information is provided that will help bring the environmental issues home.

"Action" is available to South Carolina educators after completing a three-hour training course or after attending a "Take Action Today" workshop – both provided by DHEC and facilitated by a team of its instructors. This team also provides interactive classroom presentations – based on lessons from "Action" at schools in almost every county in South Carolina.

"Action" includes 32 lessons correlated to the latest South Carolina science standards. Subjects covered include recycling, landfills and hazardous household

"Thank you for coming and helping us understand about [reducing, reusing and recycling]. It has influenced me a lot. After you spoke to us ... I told my mom and dad all about it ... If I had never gotten the chance to hear about this, I would have never known ..."

– An Elementary School Student



2013-2014 School Year by the Numbers

- **451 SCHOOLS** were visited by "Action" instructors.
- **45 PERCENT** of South Carolina schools received "Action" presentations.
- More than **45,000 STUDENTS** were taught "Action" lessons.
- More than **2,300 TEACHERS** were trained to use the "Action" curriculum supplement.
- **3 "ACTION" WORKSHOPS** were held – in Lexington, Liberty and Hartsville.
- **78 PERCENT** of the schools visited now have some type of recycling program.
- The students' knowledge of recycling increased by **110 PERCENT*** after instruction with "Action" lessons.



*This percentage is based on pre- and post-lesson test scores.

Reaching Thousands of S.C. Students

The table below shows a breakdown of the number of students by county that attended "Action" classroom presentations during the 2013-14 school year.

COUNTY	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Abbeville	40
Aiken	1,908
Allendale	211
Anderson	1,251
Bamberg	158
Barnwell	535
Beaufort	475
Berkeley	920
Calhoun	336
Charleston	1,230
Cherokee	235
Chester	244
Chesterfield	374
Clarendon	1,054
Colleton	170
Darlington	65
Dillon	156
Dorchester	*
Edgefield	506
Fairfield	100
Florence	2,770
Georgetown	1,604
Greenville	1,881
Greenwood	1,892
Horry	4,575
Kershaw	1,285
Lancaster	302
Laurens	1,124
Lee	220
Lexington	5,146
Marion	489
Marlboro	315
McCormick	680
Newberry	1,641
Oconee	416
Orangeburg	678
Pickens	986
Richland	5,060
Saluda	384
Spartanburg	1,365
Sumter	853
Williamsburg	206
York	1,088
TOTAL	44,928

* All presentations for Dorchester County are provided by its county recycling program. Schools in other counties not represented above received information regarding "Action" programs, but did not participate.

Action in the Classroom

Another component of the curriculum supplement – "Action in the Classroom" – offers lessons specifically designed for fifth-grade, seventh-grade and high school students. It includes in-depth lessons about solid waste, recycling and resource conservation.

"Action" also offers high school driver education classes the facts about the environmental impact of driving through its "Green Driver Project."

5 Years in Action

Since the 2009-2010 school year, DHEC has presented "Action in the Classroom" and "Green Driver" programs to more than 220,000 students and trained 11,400 teachers through "Action in the Classroom" and "Action for a Cleaner Tomorrow."

Take Action Today Workshops

DHEC offered three Take Action Today Workshops statewide in 2014 reaching about 160 environmental educators.

Workshop were held at the **Town of Lexington Conference Center, Lexington**; the **Pickens County Career and Technology Center, Liberty**; and the **Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, Hartsville**.

For more information about "Action" or to schedule a presentation, please visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle or call 1-800-768-7348.



"Thank you so much for...telling us all about recycling... [it] made me more aware of what and what not to recycle..."

– An Elementary School Student



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