

Environmental Career Ambassadors

Environmental Career Ambassadors are Environmental professionals willing to make classroom or school career fair presentations for middle and high school grades about their careers and/or provide shadowing, internship, field trip and scholarship opportunities to Ohio students.

Why?

Ohio high school students, teachers, and career counselors need a better understanding of the wide variety of careers in environmental science and engineering. They also want to know about the specialized training and skills needed for these careers.



Why Now?

Ohio is emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields to prepare students for jobs in the state's emerging high-tech economy. Employers looking to hire professionals in environmental science and engineering are reporting a shortage of qualified applicants.

The Ohio Department of Education's learning standards and model curriculum also emphasize student learning about real-world careers.



Schools and career centers are looking for business professionals to provide role models and diverse work-place experiences for their students.

How can you be involved?

The **Environmental Professionals Network (EPN)** is an online community connecting Ohio professionals in

- Air quality
- Environmental Health and Policy
- Energy, Materials and Sustainability
- Land Use and Conservation
- Water resources and water quality
- Wildlife and ecosystems

EPN members share information, announce events and training opportunities, post/seek jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities, and find collaborators for projects.

Find it online at www.epn.osu.edu

Now EPN members can also volunteer to introduce Ohio high school students to careers in environmental science and engineering. You select the activities you

want to be involved in, and check **Career Ambassador** in your EPN member profile.

Teachers and career counselors in your area will be able to contact you through the EECO Regional Directors or Executive Director to invite you to speak to students in local schools, schedule a field trip, or whatever activities you selected based on your own level of interest and availability.

