

THE BIG IDEAS

Five key concepts in climate education.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Significant, long-term changes in weather patterns—largely driven by human activity—which are leading to major impacts on ecosystems and human and animal populations.

ADAPTATION



Efforts to adjust our social, economic, and environmental practices to protect against current and future threats associated with climate change.

MITIGATION



Efforts to address the root causes of climate change, and to reduce and prevent the emission of greenhouse gases.



CLIMATE JUSTICE



Efforts to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of people and communities who are most exposed to climate harm, and least able to cope with it.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Efforts to protect and restore systems—including communities, ecosystems, and infrastructure—to absorb shocks and adapt to future climate stresses.

