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#### NGSS District Implementation Indicators Released

Achieve has released the [NGSS District Implementation Indicators](#). Designed primarily for district leaders, the document outlines thirteen key indicators of successful NGSS implementation.

#### Celebrate Earth Day/Week

Teach the importance of civic responsibility and environmental sustainability this month to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd and Environmental Education Week, April 23-29, 2017.

**Advancing Climate Change Environmental Education** [Resources and Suggestions](#)

**California Academy of Sciences** [Earth Day Resources](#)

**Earth Day Network.** [Toolkit resources](#) (in multiple languages)

**Edutopia Earth Day** [Lesson Plans, Reading Lists, and Classroom Ideas](#)

**National Education Association (NEA) Earth Day** [Curriculum Resources](#)

**Science NetLinks Earth Day** [Lessons and Resources](#)



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

#### COD Hosts Second Annual STEMCON - April 29, 2017

Enjoy this free, fun, interactive STEM event from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Click here for more information about STEMCON.](#)

#### Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award

Designed to recognize exceptional contributions to stimulate interest in the Earth Sciences, K-12. [Apply yourself or nominate a colleague](#) by May 1, 2017.

#### NIU STEM Summer Residential Programs

General questions and camp fees: <http://niu.edu/stem/programs/camps/index.shtml>

For campers entering grades 5 - 7: <http://niu.edu/stem/programs/camps/engineering-amusement.shtml>

For campers entering grades 7 - 9: <http://niu.edu/stem/programs/camps/exploring-stem.shtml>

For campers entering grades 10 - 12: <http://niu.edu/stem/programs/camps/career-explorations.shtml>

#### National Laboratories Offer Fun, Informative Programs

[Argonne National Laboratory](#) and [Fermilab](#) offer endless opportunities to learn more about science and STEM through field trips, classes, professional development, and special events - for adults, students, teachers, and families!

#### DNA Learning Center – University of Notre Dame

One week camps for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Scholarships available. For more information, [click here](#).

## Resources

#### Student Talk Flowchart and Protocols

This [insightful resource](#) from STEM Teaching Tools is designed to help you foster student talk in the science classroom.

#### NGSS@NSTA Infographics

These infographics are the first in our series on the Next Generation Science Standards. Print, share, and send them to your friends and colleagues. [Click here](#).

#### New NSTA Press Book Explores the DCIs

This new book will help make your science lessons more coherent and memorable. [Learn more](#).

#### Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant

Applications will be accepted by the IDNR Division of Education through November 30, 2017. [Read more](#).

#### Skype with a Scientist

Engage your students with a scientist via Skype. <https://squidscientistas.tumblr.com/post/156365179269/skype-a-scientist>