

§9932. Network established; administration; composition

The Maine Green Schools Network is established within the department to support environmental education and initiatives within public schools and school administrative units as described in section 9933. [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

1. Administration. The department shall administer the network. In administering the network, the department may collaborate with the following entities:

A. A nonprofit organization in this State that supports environmental awareness, accountability and action through fostering youth leadership, supporting educators, prioritizing research and evaluation, shifting culture and advancing transformational policy; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

B. Other state agencies; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

C. Tribal governments; and [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

D. Nonprofit organizations that support environmental, outdoor and climate learning programs, traditional ecological knowledge, local procurement and other experiential learning initiatives in public schools and school administrative units. [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

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2. Network composition. The department may, subject to availability of funds, invite the following individuals to participate in the network:

A. The director of green schools within the department; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

B. The climate education specialist within the department; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

C. The Wabanaki studies specialist within the department; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

D. One educator with experience teaching in a public elementary or secondary school in the State; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

E. One school administrator employed at a school administrative unit in the State; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

F. A member of the public; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

G. A representative from a climate education nonprofit organization; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

H. A representative from a career and technical school; [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

I. A representative from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future with expertise in youth engagement or climate education; and [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

J. A representative from the Department of Environmental Protection. [PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

The department may invite additional individuals or organizations to participate in the network.

[PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

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PL 2025, c. 422, §1 (NEW).

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