

AISD 03-08-2023



AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)

March 8, 2023

The purpose of the ESAC is to engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.



ESAC Purpose & Membership

ESAC Purpose: To engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

To accomplish its purpose, the ESAC shall:

- Serve as an advisory body to the Superintendent
- Foster communication & collaboration among members
- Serve as a means for members & the public to remain current in the status of sustainability and related initiatives at AISD.
- Support the [2011 Environmental Sustainability Policy \(CL\)LOCAL](#) and ongoing efforts to reach new heights for sustainability in infrastructure and operations, teaching and learning, and community engagement.



Learn More!

ESAC members include: AISD parents & guardians, AISD classroom teachers, AISD non-classroom staff, local government representatives, nonprofit, business, & community members, & AISD high school students





AGENDA

I. Welcome & Announcements	5:30-5:40
II. Public Comments*	5:40-5:50
III. Looking Ahead: ESAC 2023-24	5:50-6:10
IV. Conversation with Trustees	6:10-6:35
V. EcoRise: Carbon, Climate, and the Classroom	6:35-7:15
VI. Debrief: Carbon, Climate, and the Classroom	7:15-7:25
VII. Requests for Future Meeting Topics & Adjourn	7:25-7:30



Tech Tips

1. We encourage you to use your video so we can see one another's wonderful faces!
2. This webcast is being recorded but not live streamed. The recording will be posted to the ESAC web page.
3. Please keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking. This helps minimize background noise.



Tech Tips

4. To ask a question:

- Please use the “raise hand” button to ask a question or provide a comment, or
- Indicate in the chat that you would like to ask a question.
- You will be called on to voice your question out loud so it can be captured in the recorded session.

5. *Operation: Pumpernickel!*



Reminders about ESAC

ESAC Has a listserv!

AISD_esac@googlegroups.com please use it for sharing news, info, updates with your ESAC colleagues.

ESAC has a google share drive! tinyurl.com/ESACfiles

Please keep your subcommittee files here. You can also access templates and see what other subcommittees are up to! We will add members to the drive.

ESAC has a website!

www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac Great for knowing when meetings take place, reviewing previous meeting materials/videos, seeing general info about the committee.



Public Comments

Visit austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings to submit public comments by noon the day of the meeting



Welcome, AISD Board of Trustees!

Some questions the ESAC would love to know:

- What areas of sustainability are you most excited about and why?
- As Trustee, what do you see as your role to help the District move forward in sustainability?
- What do you see as AISD's role in addressing greenhouse gas emissions & climate change?
- How can the ESAC support you?

What questions do you have for the ESAC?



AUSTIN ISD SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

□ Teaching & Learning Infrastructure & Operations Community & Culture



Announcements





PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION,
AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY

Upcoming events & opportunities:

- We still has a few spots available for our 2023-24 school programs. [Registration Link](#)
 - Schools w/ more than 35% of student receiving free or reduced lunch qualify for the majority of their program to be underwritten.
- [Friends in Nature spring break and summer camp registration](#) is now open
- Save the Date - [PEAS' Art of Nature fundraiser](#) March 29th from 6:30-8:30 at Springdale Station



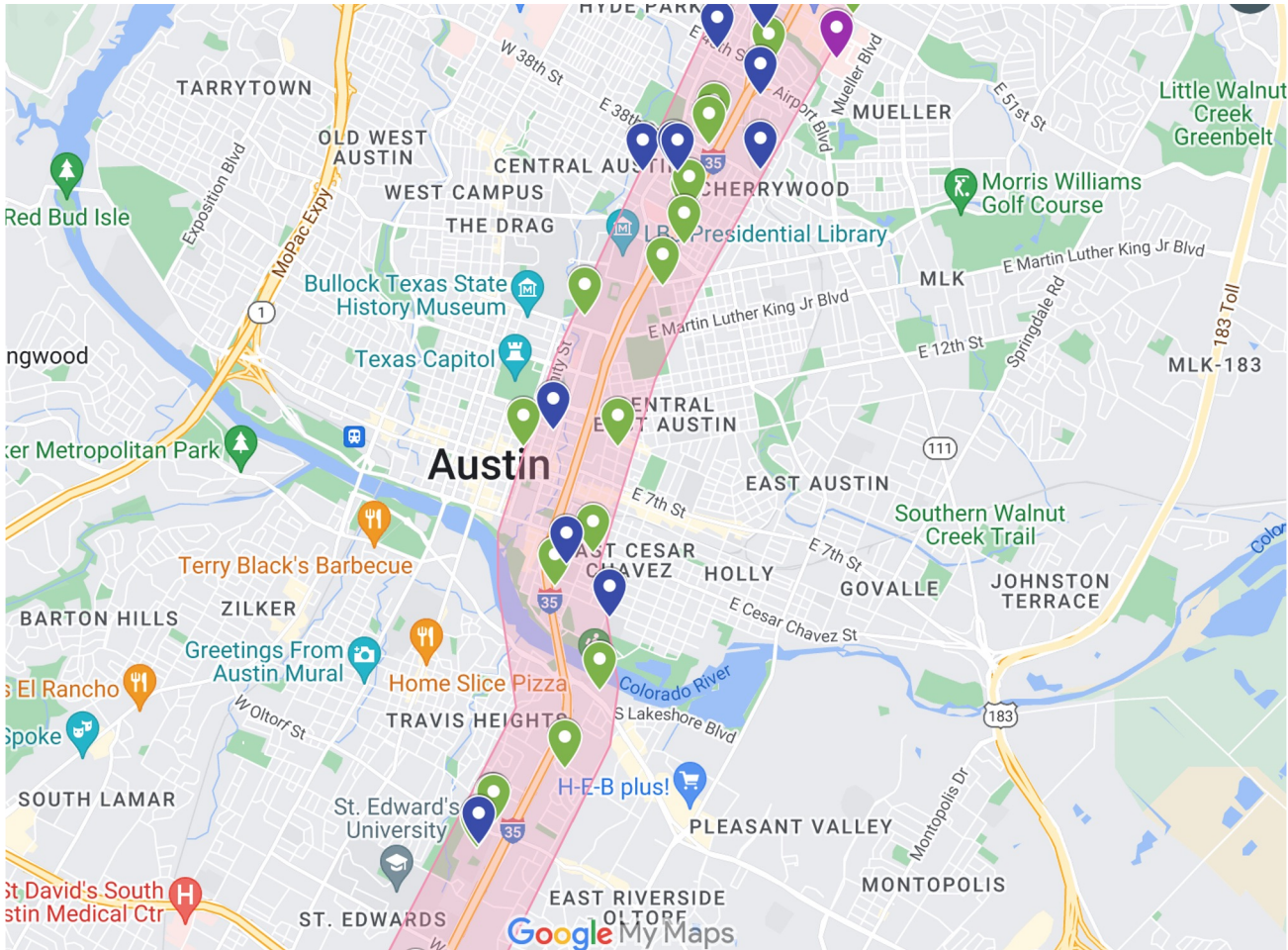


nomination form
FRIENDS *in* GARDENING AWARD



<https://cityofaustin.formstack.com/forms/figawards>

Parents' Climate Community: I-35 Impact on Kids' Health



[Letter from the Parents' Climate Community](#)

Austin ISD

Earth Week

April 17-21
Earth Day April 22

See last year's page: austinisd.org/sustainability/earth-week

- Would you like us to cross promote your Earth Week event or activity? Email Darien darien.clary@austinisd.org and Lucia lucia.sewingcole@austinisd.org
- Do you know of someone at AISD (student, teacher, trustee, housekeeping staff, etc.) that has gone above and beyond to support sustainability? Let us know! We'd like to recognize them during Earth Week. Please put it in the chat or email Darien and Lucia.



Austin ISD Sustainable Schools Course

2022-23 School Year

Austin ISD Sustainability and EcoRise are proud to announce the launch of the **Sustainable Schools course**, available now to take on-demand on BLEND.

After completing this course, you will be able to perform simple actions to create a healthier learning and work environment for yourself and others, reduce your building's negative impact on the environment and community, encourage energy efficiency and resource conservation, and foster student learning about the environment.

The course should take between 3-4 hours to complete asynchronously, depending on pacing.

“The Ecorise lessons on this topic are so fun and I feel much more informed about specific AISD policies and initiatives. I liked the self-paced format. There was a lot to explore. If something was particularly interesting, then there was more information through the links.”

Austin ISD Teacher, Boone ES, SY2021-22

Program modules:

- Introduction to Sustainability & Sustainable Schools
- Transportation
- Nature & Outdoor Learning
- Water Efficiency & Conservation
- Energy in Buildings
- Zero Waste
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Sustainable Food

tinyurl.com/AISDSustainableSchools



Newsletter Updates

- Please take **10-15 minutes** to share your thoughts in the [Superintendent Profile Survey](#) by **March 15th**.
- Learn more ways to provide input and stay up-to date [here](#).



AISD Earth Week, April 17-21 (Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22!)

- If your organization is planning Earth Day activities, info, or events that are geared towards AISD students and families, we would love to help cross promote on our AISD Earth Week website. It will probably look similar to our [2022 Earth Week website](#). Please send content formatted similarly to darien.clary@austinisd.org and copy lucia.sewingcole@austinisd.org.
- As part of AISD's commitment to serve ALL students, we are asking partners to ensure your content includes language accessibility and serves our communities equitably in planning, programs, and the nature of information available. [View this guide](#).

Energy and Water



Energy & Water Updates

- AISD submitted its concept paper for the [Department of Energy's Renew America's School Grant](#) to fund rooftop solar and energy efficiency projects, and we were selected from a pool of applicants nationwide to submit a full proposal in April. Fingers crossed!
- The Energy and Water Department, in a coordinated effort with Austin Energy through the Energy Engagement program, facilitated and distributed over 3,800 [Energy All-Star Kits](#) to 6 grader students and teachers, to promote, educate, and help students and communities to save energy and water across the

Image description: Screenshot of part of the ESAC newsletter, showing AISD Earth Week and Energy & Water Updates. Action Area Updates will be shared via newsletter (available by email and on the ESAC website) instead of during the General Meetings.



March 22nd ESAC Social



Looking Ahead: ESAC 2023-34

WHAT'S
NEXT?



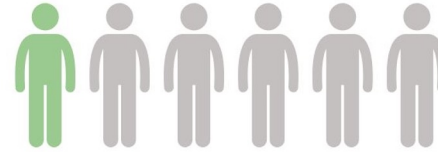
Update: Equity & Community Engagement



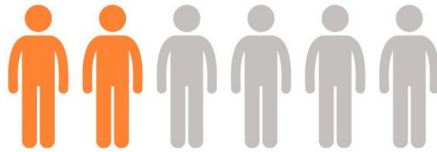
CURRENT 2023 ESAC MEMBERSHIP



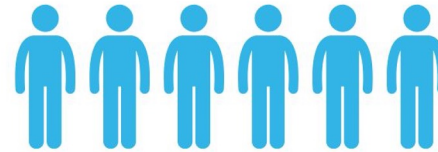
Parents & Guardians



Teachers & Educators



AISD High School Students



AISD Staff



Business & Community Members



Local Government Representatives

Image description: Infographic shows that of the six ESAC member categories, the teachers & educators and AISD high school students categories currently have the most open positions. There is also one open position in the parents & guardians category.



ESAC MEMBER RECRUITMENT TOOLKITS

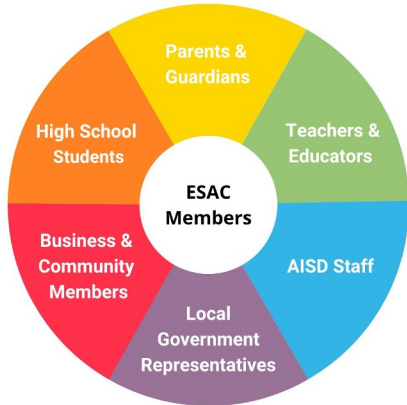
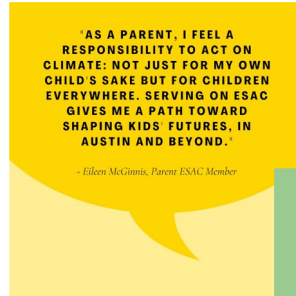


Image descriptions: Above, an infographic shows ESAC member categories (Parents & Guardians, Teachers & Educators, AISD Staff, Local Government Representatives, Business & Community Members, & High School Students). To the right are images of ESAC member quotes included in the social media toolkit. Next to that is a screenshot of part of the social media toolkit for student recruitment, with some text pulled out showing Version 1 of a social media post for student recruitment.



AISD Environmental Stewardship Committee Recruitment Student Tool Kit

Background

As an advisory body to the superintendent, the AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) exists to engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

The application window for ESAC members will start April 1st and close on June 30th. All current ESAC members will need to re-apply. Membership of ESAC intends to reflect the geographic, ethnic, gender, and economic diversity of the district. Our aim in recruiting committee members is to represent a broad range of interests, knowledge, perspectives, and lived experiences.

Thanks for sharing out in your communities!

Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor & Instagram

Use this image with your post.

Version 1

Share your youth voice! As a student you can advance environmental education and sustainability across your school community.

Join AISD's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) to make sure youth voices are heard.

👉 <https://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac>

Version 1

Share your youth voice! As a student you can advance environmental education and sustainability across your school community.

Join AISD's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee to make sure youth voices are heard.

👉 <https://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac>



Carbon, Climate, and the Classroom



Elizabeth Harper (she/her)
Program Manager, EcoRise



Debrief



ESAC Chair Nominations due May 1st

Elections will take place May 10th



Mark your calendars for the 2022-2023 ESAC meeting dates!

All meetings will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

- March 22, 2023 (ESAC Social)
- May 10, 2023 - Co-Chair ELECTION!
(in person, location TBD)





THANK YOU for all you do to help AISD be green!

