

lights out world

*“Turn **off** the lights & switch **on** education about global warming”*

Lights Out World is an international event during which high schools around the world turn off their lights and spend the day learning about global warming. Through opening the blinds, and students' minds, we provide an opportunity for youth and educators to impact the negative affects of global warming.

Our goals are to:

- educate students and teachers about the dangers of climate change.
- show how easy it is to help turn off global warming with the flick of a switch.
- encourage schools to be aware of environmentally unfriendly practices, and revise them.

We provide comprehensive lesson plans, step-by-step participation guides, and visual aids (posters, light switch covers, etc.), in order to make Lights Out World a success in participating schools. By increasing awareness and encouraging discussion, active participants will make a conscious effort to curb their energy use, both at school, and at home.

Our lesson plans detail:

- What is global warming?
- Why is it occurring?
- Why is it a problem?
- **How can I make a difference?**

We want our peers to realize that global warming is not a far off concept, it is happening **now**, and its effects are being felt **today**. Ice in the arctic is melting. Ocean levels are on the rise, and changing climates have contributed to the extreme weather felt around the world.

The repercussions of growing greenhouse gas emissions will be one of the greatest (if not the most prominent) issues that our generation will face. It is our responsibility to put an end to this dangerous trend. It is no great inconvenience to turn off the lights during the daylight hours, or when we leave a room, and it is greatly beneficial to our health to walk or bike when that is a feasible option. Lights Out World will not stop global warming. It will, however, give students a quantity of tools they need to preserve our country, and our planet, for future generations.

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