

# High School Environmental Science Textbook Adoption

## Committee Members and Recommendation

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Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn (Pearson)

### Committee Commendations:

- Science Content – ideas are well developed, more accessible for 9th grade students in an introductory course
- Teacher Background – does an exemplary job building scientific reasoning/inquiry.
- Does an exemplary job making connections between conceptual understanding, application of practice to content knowledge, problem solving, and scientific reasoning/inquiry.
- Use of “Central Case” at the beginning of each chapter helps develop connections to students’ lives and prior knowledge.
- The number and variety of labs and activities appeared more complete.
- There was a specific set of activities (both text book-based and virtual) that dealt with graphing and analyzing data.
- There was a large amount of "field work" activities that involved data collection outside of the classroom - something that I want to emphasis to my students.
- It was very visual, engaging, and by all appearances easier to read. We wanted to be sure that all of our students could learn from the text.
- We liked the online resources for the students.
- Strength with Universal Access via graphic organizers.
- Advanced students have opportunities to deepen or extend learning via extension activities and on-line research to answer questions.

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