

WHAT IS NATURE IN EDUCATION?

Imagine learning outside, not just in a classroom! That's the idea behind Nature-Based Education (NBE). It's like having the whole outdoors as your classroom.

WAYS TO EXPERIENCE NATURE:

Outdoor Activities:

- Nature walks and explorations
- Gardening and composting
- Bird watching and wildlife observation
- Building shelters and forts
- Camping and outdoor cooking

Indoor Activities:

- Bringing natural materials into the classroom (leaves, rocks, feathers)
- Observing insects and plants indoors
- Creating nature-inspired art projects
- knitting and weaving
- woodwork
- pottery

The nature nurtures us we just need to find the right way to connect with it.

NBE offers a holistic and engaging approach to learning that prepares students for a successful and fulfilling future and adds to their skillsets and life skills.

"NATURE TEACHES US" RATHER THAN SCHOOLS"?

Adaptive Strategies:

This could include developing unique study techniques, utilizing assistive technologies, or finding alternative ways to communicate and express themselves.

Self-Advocacy:

They develop the skills to communicate their learning styles, express their concerns, and work collaboratively with teachers and support staff to create an effective learning environment.

Resilience and Perseverance:

Students learn to embrace their strengths, acknowledge their weaknesses, and develop strategies for overcoming obstacles.

Acceptance and Inclusion:

They develop empathy, understanding, and a sense of belonging within a supportive community.

Life Skills Development:

practical skills such as cooking, money management, social skills, and independent living skills, empowering students to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.

Individualized Learning Plans (IEPs):

Special schools often emphasize individualized education plans (IEPs) tailored to each student's specific needs, strengths, and challenges.

IS THERE ONLY ONE WAY TO LEARN?

Santiniketan:

"Education should bloom like a flower, not be hammered like a piece of iron." This emphasizes organic growth, individuality, and fostering creativity within a supportive environment.

Krishnamurti Schools:

"Freedom from the known is the beginning of truth." This highlights the importance of questioning assumptions, cultivating independent thought, and seeking truth through self-discovery.

Forest Schools:

"The forest is the classroom, the weather is the teacher." This philosophy emphasizes the importance of learning in all conditions, developing resilience, and respecting the natural rhythms of the environment

Waldorf Education:

"Education should nurture the whole child: head, heart, and hands." This emphasizes a holistic approach that integrates intellectual, emotional, and artistic development.

Place-Based Education:

"Learn from your own backyard." This philosophy highlights the importance of connecting learning to the local environment and fostering a sense of place and belonging.