

# School Climate Action Plan

## Objective

This activity guides students and school leaders in creating a customized action plan to reduce the school's environmental impact and promote climate education.

## Why Create a Climate Action Plan?

Schools are community leaders and learning hubs. Implementing a climate action plan not only lowers emissions but sets an example for students, families, and local residents. It builds environmental responsibility and leadership skills.

## Key Steps in the Planning Process

1. Form a student-led Climate Action Team.
2. Conduct a school environmental audit (energy, water, waste, transport).
3. Set achievable goals (e.g., reduce electricity use by 20%).
4. Identify actions (install LED bulbs, reduce single-use plastics, plant trees).
5. Assign roles and deadlines.
6. Track progress and report monthly updates.
7. Celebrate milestones and revise goals annually.

## Action Categories

- Energy: Turn off lights, use natural light, unplug devices.
- Water: Fix leaks, install low-flow taps, educate on water use.
- Waste: Improve recycling, compost, reduce plastic.
- Food: Start a garden, serve more plant-based meals.
- Transportation: Promote walking, biking, or carpooling.
- Education: Climate lessons, assemblies, eco-club activities.

## Monitoring Tools

- Energy bills tracking
- Waste audit checklists
- Monthly climate newsletter
- Student feedback surveys

## Discussion Questions

### Classroom Discussion Questions

## **School Climate Action Plan**

- What environmental issues do you notice at school?
- What small changes could make the biggest impact?
- How can students lead and inspire their school community?

### **Extension Projects**

- Present your plan to the school board.
- Host a Climate Action Day or Green Week.
- Partner with local businesses to support your goals.