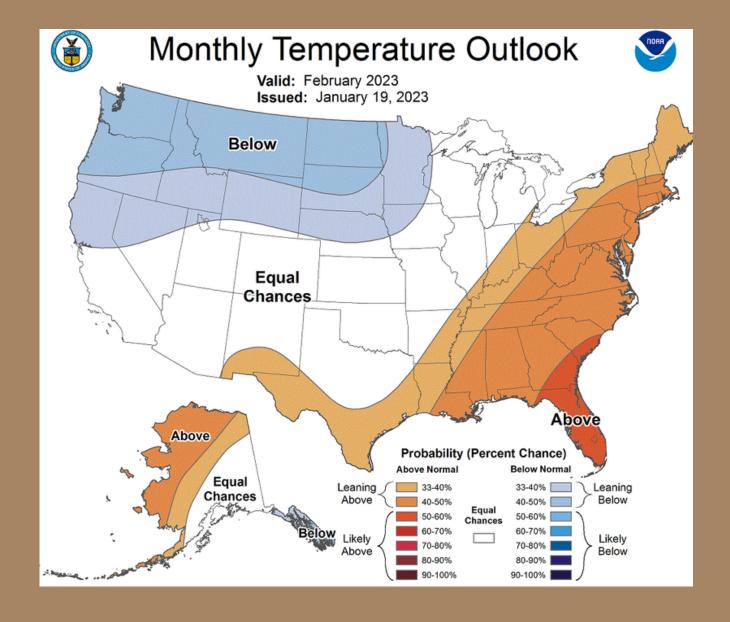
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Initiative Features from our Delegates!

Hear how student leaders from our member schools across the country are putting forward sustainable programs in their communities!

Delilah H. '25 - Mercersburg Academy, PA

Sustainability is exemplified in many ways at our school: 1) *Natural food suppliers nearby provide a lot of food for our school that is locally sourced.* 2) Speeches everyday at lunch from people who are part of the Green Team inspire students to act more sustainably in their daily lives. 3) We hold frequent meetings with the green team where students are informed about what is happening locally and globally in our environment.

Ava V. '25 - Kearsarge Regional High School, NH

This year our club has many interesting projects that try to center around community outreach. For example, we are in the process of a project to plant trees, called Tree Plenish, around our school and community, with members of the community, to help neutralize our school's carbon emissions. We also are trying to work with younger kids to try to get younger generations interested and knowledgeable about the environment.

Caitlynna J. '24 - Wheeler School, RI

Starting in eighth grade, two of my friends and I have been doing everything we can to promote and implement composting. Before COVID, we had a community involvement class at school in which we researched and ran workshops with elementary schools. However, after COVID and dealing with high school workloads, we had to adapt our plan to a busy schedule. We focused in on the high school, becoming heads of our Eco-Action Club, and have been talking to school directors to get composting here. For a short time, we had to focus on preserving the recycling program because our school had gotten rid of it, but we've now gotten it in a good spot and are finally gaining some traction on composting.

Rachel O. '24 - California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley, CA

"I think our clubs most unique Sustainability Initiative is that we took our club members art and turned them into buttons for fundraisers, which are featured on an Etsy as well. Our club revolves around creating products (from sustainable sources) and raising funds for different non-profits and climate groups. We've also been working on a project to create tote bags from scrap materials and raise funds for climate-organizations of our choosing! *Our goal is to create products and marketable items that not only raise awareness about climate change but contribute to climate organizations and action.*

Link to Etsy: etsy.com/shop/MonkeyRobotDesigns

Mackenzie L. '23 - Hanover High School, NH

Right now, we are working on getting solar energy for our school. We started this project this summer and have explored different solar options that would best fit our school's needs. As of right now a warrant article is going to be voted on by the town which will state that the school board will establish policies to transition to renewable energy.

Sustainability Tips



Every degree counts:

Put on an extra layer! If you reduce the temperature in your home from 72°F to 67°C, you will see a savings of about 6% in natural gas savings. If that's too chilly for you, add a sweater and a second pair of socks.

Unplug:

Your chargers and small appliances (like a coffee maker) suck up standby power even when not in use. To cut down on wasted electricity (and wasted dollars), keep these items plugged into a power strip and flip its switch to "off" when you leave the house.







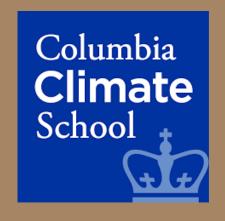
Eat at home!

Food delivery services
like DoorDash and Uber
Eats may seem
convenient, but they
have a large carbon
footprint that we often
don't think about, and
increase solid food waste
and single-use plastics.
Try to eat healthier and
make a meal yourself!

Environmental Summer Programs

At Putney Pre-College, dive into issues of climate change, equity, and public health alongside peers, educators, and leading professionals from the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard Chan C-CHANGE). Choose an Action Focus based on your interests and explore how climate change is intertwined with public health, medicine, social justice, equity, economics, and policy. Gain perspective from scientists, health practitioners, policymakers, youth activists, climate creatives, and clean energy innovators at the forefront of tackling the climate crisis. Take what you have learned and transform your ideas into a Community Action Plan, and return home ready to address these issues in your own community.





At Columbia Climate School's Pre-College Programs, expand your knowledge and prepare to understand, analyze, and apply cutting-edge research to the complex problem of our changing climate. These programs are for high-school students (Grades 9-12 and motivated rising 9th graders) who want to sharpen their knowledge and skills in the areas of climate change and sustainability.

NHSCF Announcements

Our 2023 NHSCF Youth Summit will be on Sunday, April 16th, at 4pm ET. As always, the summit will feature both keynote and student presentations to wrap up the NHSCF year!



Thanks for Reading!

Thank you for reading the NHSCF February 2023 Newsletter! We hope you've enjoyed and learned! Here are a few more interesting article recommendations, from our leaders. Click the title to take you to the page:

EPA Paused Waste Shipments From Ohio Train

Derailment After Texas Uproar

Parched California Misses a Chance to Store More Rain

Underground

Carbon capture: What is it and how does it fight climate change?

NHSCF 2022-23 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, or suggestions.

We love to hear from delegates!

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