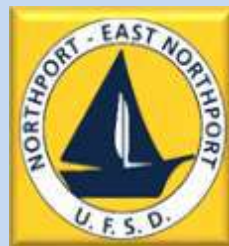




THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM

E-Team at Northport High School

*A 3 ½ High School Credit Program for Senior Students
with potential Dual Enrolment College Credit*



Science



English



Social Studies



Physical Education



Special Projects



Field Trips



Hands-on Learning



Community



Family

The Environment Team, or E-Team, meets periods one through four, five days per week. Students are immersed in challenging experiences that demand participation and dedication going beyond the traditional academic environment. Field experiences, including some overnight trips, are conducted in authentic settings including legislative assemblies, museums, and various ecosystems and ecological environments. In the past, this has meant doing field work to help pass the Suffolk County plastic bag law, hands-on study of problems affecting the local environment, and participation in The Long Island Sound High School Summit. The work of the E-Team has been recognized by the Suffolk County Legislature, the NYS DEC, Newsday, New12, and various environmental groups.

A unique opportunity for senior year, this outstanding program has been a part of Northport High School since 1978. A typical class may have IB students, Wilson Tech students, artists, musicians, budding scientists, auto mechanics, environmentalists, accountants, and so much more. Participation in the Environment Team is a life changing experience for many students. They describe it as being a part of a family where they make new friends, lifelong friends, and come to feel they are a part of something important and bigger than themselves.

Testimonials from Students and Families

In roughly a year, I will be an Earth Science teacher and that would not have been as close to as possible without getting to experience the opportunities E-Team provided me... it really is that special.

– Class of 2020

I was an average student in high school, but now I have a Master's Degree from New York University and a great job. I just needed something like the E-Team to thrive in my own way. Students are not pegs to fit into one shape. The E-Team is a gift, special and unique. – Class of 1990

The E-Team prepared me for college not only academically, but emotionally and socially.

– Class of 2014

Throughout that year, I learned more about myself and what it meant to be part of a community, a team, a family than I did in four years of college. I learned to take risks, both physical and mental. I learned to trust others and communicate effectively and respectfully even when we disagreed. I learned to advocate for myself and to peacefully coexist with people who had very different perspectives. – Class of 1993

The teachers taught our son how to be part of a bigger picture and how everyone has something to offer, everyone has something to contribute. – Parent, Class of 2016

E-Team is so important! It is one of the best things to come out of the building, and there's a reason it's been active since 1978. Young people need programs like this. I certainly did. It changed me eternally. -Class of 2020

The E-Team made me excited to go to school and to learn. – Class of 2012

Not only did the curriculum impact my daughter, but the teachers and the students in this program had a huge effect on her. As I am sure with many alumni, your program created a safe space for them to make the change that we all want and need to see in this world.

– Parent, Class of 2020

My time with the Environment Team at Northport High School was far more than participating in a program; it was a pivotal chapter that considerably shaped my pathway to college and beyond. It was a precursor to my future, molding me academically, socially, and emotionally for the chapters that were yet to be written.

– Class of 2013

I was given wings to fly and the courage to leave my bubble of Northport and live my life with purpose. I am a better human because of it. – Class of 1993

The E-Team led me to amazing opportunities. It filled me with encouragement to take chances, try new things and be brave. After graduating, I went on to get a teaching degree and taught environmental education in CT and MA. I have since settled on the coast in South Carolina, where I have started an E-team after school club with another teacher. The Environment Team continues to influence my life and the lives of my students (past and present) today. – Class of 1983

At the time I took E-Team, I was also taking IB Literature and IB Spanish and was also active in the school's Symphony Orchestra. It was important to me that I could continue taking these advanced courses — supplemented with E-Team, and I was very happy with the content of my courses during my senior year – Class of 2019

I always felt shy throughout high school and felt like I didn't really fit in anywhere. I joined the E-Team and very quickly we all became a family. Twelve years later I still talk to these classmates. I have been inseparable with two and was just part of their wedding a couple of years ago.

– Class of 2012

You are surrounded by classmates who in the beginning seem so different from you but as time passes and you get to know each other you realize how alike you are and you truly have a family like atmosphere at school; somewhere you can be yourself and feel safe. – Class of 2014

Mr. Franco, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Clark and Mr. Scattergood are among the most dedicated and committed teachers we have ever had the pleasure to meet. They truly love what they do and they inspire their students. We are positive that E-Team and the four amazing teachers that run it played a major part in our son's decision to be an educator. – Parents, Class of 2020

I was lucky enough to experience all of the amazing field trips/camping trips, including the White Mountains. During these trips I learned the importance of reconnecting with nature in the way that we did. – Class of 2020

It's been 30 years and I can clearly define what a positive impact the E-Team had on my life, so much so that my family and I started an annual E-Team scholarship honoring my late husband, Michael Dunat, also a former alumni Teamer. – Class of 1993

The E-Team prepared me to travel the world, helped me develop the dedication needed to become an internationally published illustrator, and most importantly helped me through what would have been a tumultuous senior year otherwise. It is not a stretch of the imagination to think that I would have been as successful as I am now without the lessons I learned while on E-Team. – Class of 2014

I never had excellent grades as a student, this was in part because I didn't know how to study, but because of how the E-Team is structured I came to understand how I learn in the classroom. We weren't confined to learning in our seats, everywhere we went had the potential to be our classroom. – Class of 2007



I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable role that the Environment Team Played in shaping my life's path. During my time as a member of the Environment Team, I had the privilege of being part of a community of passionate individuals dedicated to learning through our environment. The experiences and knowledge I gained from our projects and activities have left an indelible mark on my life. -Class of 1993



Our son was an Honor Society student, took AP classes and IB Italian, he was an integral part of the varsity track team, not to mention that he was a part of the marching band and an Eagle Scout. When he tried to sign up for the E-Team, there was some pushback, being told that students with his academic background didn't usually take this course.

We didn't care. He wanted to be part of a class that was more than just a class. He was awarded a 4 year scholarship from the US Navy and was headed to Norwich University, a military school after high school. As an educator myself I knew that he needed a truly meaningful experience to catapult him into the seriousness of college and the military, and today my son is a Navy Pilot with the rank of Lieutenant JG.

This course should be offered to ALL students no matter what their academic background. In fact, this course should be a graduation requirement for EVERY student.

- Parent, Class of 2016

You will be hard pressed to find a more supportive and encouraging group of teachers at your back. The E-team allowed room for challenge, engagement and growth.

- Class of 2005

E-Team was the best experience in all of my school years, including college, which I loved. There's something really special about spending that block of time with the same group all year and going through all of the different experiences together. - Class of 2002

E-Team gives us a chance to make meaningful, lasting connections, as well as have fantastic adventures! I am so thankful for E-Team and the opportunity it gave me.

- Class of 2005

The style of E-Team reignited my desire to learn. Being able to get up, go outside, experience real phenomena, even get out of the state of NY was a far more exciting and effective way to learn than any other class. Everything we would go do in E-Team promoted a mindset beyond just talking, but doing instead. It showed just how much more fulfilling it is to be a doer and to follow through. - Class of 2016

Northport High School craves individuality and promotes being authentic and wise, and this program promotes all those things and makes Northport UNIQUE. What other school districts have this type of program? NONE. The E-team at the Northport High School is not only very important for the next generation of students, it is essential. - Parent of two students, Class of 2018 and 2022

Environmental Action

The Northport High School Environment Team has worked with Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) for many years to advance projects that reduce plastic pollution, protect Northport Harbor and advance the restoration of Long Island Sound.

The E-Team played an instrumental role in assisting our organization in passing landmark Suffolk County legislation to reduce throw away plastic bags. This successful campaign led to a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags throughout New York. The Environment Team was a key part of our education and outreach team, conducting surveys on both litter and consumer shopping habits before and after the law took effect, and they even testified at public hearings in front of the Suffolk County Legislature. They displayed commitment, dedication and a variety of skills to assist in this meaningful endeavor and received an award from the Legislature for their efforts.

Additionally, for the past three years, the E-Team has participated in our Long Island Sound Student Summit. Students have conducted fantastic research on topics including local habitat & fisheries, stormwater runoff, nitrogen pollution, microplastics, testing for mercury in Northport Harbor, improving water quality, and more. Many of their presentations are featured on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) pages, and the E-Team has also been featured in Newsday, on New 12, and in the local press, for their important research and leadership in acting as stewards for their local environment. The projects and research performed by the E-Team provide them with substantive experience and skills in addressing today's environmental challenges. We are delighted by our relationship with the Northport High School E-Team and appreciative of all the effort put forth by the teachers and students.



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Colleges and Universities E-Team Students have attended:

Boston Conservatory
Colorado State
University
Fashion Inst of Tech
Fordham
Fredonia
Hofstra
Johnson and Whales
Mercy College
New Paltz
New York Institute of Technology
Northeastern
Norwich University
NYU
Oregon State
Pace
Penn State
Pratt Institute
Quinnipiac
Rider
RIT
Roger Williams
St. John's University
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY ESF
SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Plattsburg
SUNY Stony Brook
Suffolk Comm College
UCONN
University of Florida
University of Maine
University of Montana

