



Homeschool Program Offerings

At the New England Aquarium, homeschool families can come together to arrange programs that fit their curriculum and schedule needs. Choose from a variety of topics and Aquarium educators will provide education lessons as a one-time program or a series. Programs may be scheduled at the Aquarium in our classroom or at a classroom space or community center near you.



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Aquarium**

Protecting the blue planet

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upcoming programs!

www.neaq.org/schooling

Duration

Programs run for 1 or 2 hours. Classes can be booked individually or in a series of 6 to 8 classes.

Pricing

At the Aquarium

\$5 per student for each hour of instruction, plus \$5 service fee per day for the group. Class series include pre-class activities and homework to support the lessons for an additional \$5 per class per student. Aquarium admission is not included and not necessary during the class. Participants may be eligible for a group rate for admission after the class. Aquarium membership is encouraged so families can visit outside of class hours.

Series program off-site

\$150 for the first hour per date for 6 to 8 classes. \$75 for one additional hour. \$5 service fee per group, plus \$1 per mile.

One-time program off-site

\$400 per date for classes booked individually, up to 2 topics per date. \$5 service fee per group, plus \$1 per mile.

Group size

Minimum group size is 10 students. (Smaller groups will still need to pay for the minimum.)

Maximum group size is 20 students.

Ages

Programs are suitable for ages 7 through 16. Age spread within one class should not exceed 4 years. For example, 7 to 11 or 10 to 14. Two concurrent classes can be scheduled to accommodate a wider age spread. Pricing will reflect two separate classes.

Scheduling

- Programming can happen on weekdays or weekends according to space availability.
- Programs must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance.
- Series should be scheduled as early as possible to ensure a consistent weekly schedule.
- Series can be scheduled daily, once a week, twice a month or monthly.

Reservations

Each homeschool group should choose an organizer who will be the primary contact with Aquarium Education and Reservations staff. This person will coordinate for the members of the group, schedule dates and manage payments. This person can also volunteer to serve as an organizer for other individuals who contact the Aquarium who are not already affiliated with a group.



**To find out more,
please contact the
Education Programs
Coordinator at
kids.ed@neaq.org
or 617-226-2147.**

Program topics

Conservation-oriented topics

- **Right Whale Research:** The New England Aquarium has studied the right whale for more than 30 years. Find out what we do and what we've learned. Program can include lessons and activities around research methods, whale biology and conservation actions.
- **Fisheries Conservation:** Participants in this program will explore tools and technology of fishing and think about the challenges of fishing, such as how to catch one type of fish without catching others or how to figure out how many fish it is safe to catch in order to leave more for another year.
- **Rescue and Rehabilitation:** Since 1968, the New England Aquarium has helped thousands of marine animals stranded or injured in our waters. This program explores the work of marine animal rescue and can include lessons from past rescue operations in South Africa and the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Climate Systems:** This program focuses on an understanding of the carbon cycle and how our actions contribute to an increase or decrease of carbon in the environment. Activities also cover the impact of carbon on our oceans and marine animals. Lessons can include hands-on activities, instruction and engaging video.



Ocean connections

While oceans cover 70 percent of the Earth's surface, it can be difficult to understand how our lives are deeply connected through both the resources it provides and the climate it drives. This program can explore several aspects of the oceans to help students draw connections. Topics can include:

- Water properties and climate cycles
- Ocean resources and human use
- Human-animal interactions

Animal focus

The following topics can all be explored with a range of age-appropriate, hands-on activities and engaging lessons.

- Marine mammals
- Penguins
- Sharks
- Whales
- Tidepool animals (can include live animals)
- Turtles
- Lobsters (can include live animals)

Habitat focus

These topics can be explored through the use of live animals in the classroom, engaging lessons and age-appropriate activities. These programs could include field experiences in fall or spring.

- Salt marsh
- Tidepool
- Sandy beach
- Dock

More links for homeschool families.

Participate in science classes at the Aquarium with [WOW Explorers](#).

Organize a [behind-the-scenes tour](#) of the Aquarium.

[Take a dip with the Aquarium's seals.](#)