

Teachers Often Ask...

Our programs meet Virginia Standards of Learning for Science and, where appropriate, for Math, English, and Social Studies/History. Preschool Programs meet the Virginia's Foundation Blocks of Early Learning.

Can someone help me choose a program? Are you able to develop a custom program for my class?

Contact our School Programs Specialist at elamiller@VirginiaAquarium.com or 757-385-0275.

Do you have suggestions for funding?

The Access Aquarium program, which is supported by donations, has limited funds to assist with Aquarium admission for high-needs schools. For an information sheet on this program, contact Guest Services at (757)385-0300 or VAMSCGSO@virginiaaquarium.com. Also inquire with the administrative staff at your school about PTA funding and grant opportunities.

Do you have activities I can do with my students before, during, or after our aquarium visit?

You can find student activities on our web site at www.VirginiaAquarium.com. We have *On Your Own* activity sheets on animal adaptations, food webs, classification, and other SOL-based topics. In addition, *Curiosity Carts* on standards-based topics will be located in the exhibit areas during your visit.

Can you recommend some web sites that focus on marine science education?

www.marine-ed.org/bridge

www.bayeducation.net

www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov

www.serc.si.edu

www.vanaturally.org

Ocean Sciences Education Teacher Resource Center

Chesapeake Science on the Internet for Educators

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

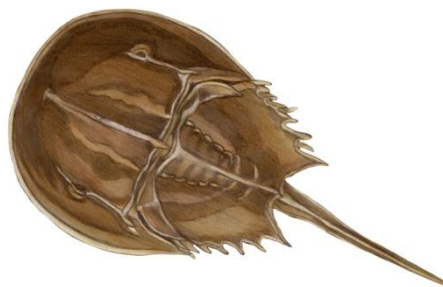
The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

Virginia Naturally

What is a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience?

A Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience or MWEE is part of the “Stewardship and Community Engagement” Commitment of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. One of its objectives is to “provide a meaningful bay or stream outdoor experience for every school students in the watershed before graduation from high school.” The Virginia Department of Education Virginia requires each student to have a MWEE in elementary, middle, and high school. For more information, check out www.chesapeakebay.net.

Let us help you meet your MWEE requirement. For more information contact our School Programs Specialist at ELAMiller@virginiaaquarium.com or 757-385-0275.



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