

# Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group Report to the Nevada State Legislature

## SUMMARY

### BILL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a sustained network to support and recognize school and teacher efforts in outdoor education.
2. Establish a new position with the Department of Education dedicated to supporting outdoor education and integration into all curriculum areas.
3. Increase funding for the Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant program to a minimum of \$500,000 per fiscal year to ensure dedicated support for outdoor education initiatives statewide.



### CAPACITY BUILDING

- Establish outdoor education specialists at each school, or utilize existing specialists
- Analyze and share current resources
- Collaborate across state agencies to pursue joint funding opportunities



### CONTENT INTEGRATION

- Develop interdisciplinary place-based lessons
- Use outdoor education to develop critical skills
- Identify regionally relevant outdoor experiences
- Develop outdoor electives
- Take learning outside
- Support field trips



### OUTDOOR LEARNING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Create living schoolyards
- Involve students and families in schoolyard design
- Consider climate resilient design and shade
- Prioritize schoolground nature exposure



### POLICY

- Diversify funding for outdoor education
- Protect recess and outdoor breaks for students of all ages
- Embrace beneficial risk

