



## Middle School & High School Air Quality Education Program by South Coast AQMD

### WHAT IS THE WHAM PROGRAM?

The WHAM Program is South Coast AQMD's free air quality education program for high school and middle school students. After school programs, clubs, and other organizations are also eligible to participate in the program. The program utilizes a curriculum developed by South Coast AQMD, which is aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

### WHY IS THE WHAM PROGRAM IMPORTANT?

This region suffers from some of the poorest air quality in the nation and does not meet federal standards for:

- Ozone (smog)
- Fine particulate matter (PM2.5)

WHAM increases awareness of air quality issues in communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, especially within environmental justice communities, and seeks to introduce students to potential academic and career pathways related to air quality.

### What does each participating school receive?\*

Each participating teacher will receive access to the WHAM curriculum as well as the supplies and materials needed to successfully complete the lessons and experiments. WHAM provides teachers with flexible options to accommodate their classes and their students' needs.

*\*Due to limited resources, only teachers are eligible to receive supplies for experiments from South Coast AQMD.*

We offer the following flexible options to aid in the successful implementation of the program:

- Virtual guest speakers
- Educational videos
- PowerPoint presentations
- Teacher and student workbooks
- On-demand lectures

### Is my school, club, or organization eligible? How can I sign up?

If you are interested in implementing the WHAM Program, please contact Monika Kim at [mkim@aqmd.gov](mailto:mkim@aqmd.gov) or visit [www.aqmd.gov/WHAM](http://www.aqmd.gov/WHAM) for more information.

### WHAT IS SOUTH COAST AQMD?

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the regional air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. South Coast AQMD's mission is to clean the air and protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air District through practical and innovative strategies.

### CONTACT US

For more information about the program or to refer a school for potential participation, please visit [AQMD.gov/WHAM](http://AQMD.gov/WHAM) or contact:

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